

C & C: The Prosperity Message of Riches, is The Blood of Christ

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Luke 12:13-15

13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, **Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?**

15 And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Why would a man of God want to put such a dangerous doctrine of The Prosperity Message of Riches out to anyone? Especially young sheep of whom they devour? Jesus said, “for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” While the Apostle Paul admonishes and warns Timothy to make sure that he knew and taught against such a doctrine.

Listen how clearly the Apostle Paul explains this to Timothy of which he is sending to teach this to others of which included you and I. The Apostle Paul said, 1) But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 2) But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 3) But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 4) I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Apostle Paul explicitly tells Timothy that this is a commandment giving this “charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ”.

We are warned that “they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.” So why would a man of God want to put such a dangerous doctrine of The Prosperity Message of Riches out to anyone? Especially young sheep of whom they devour? As well as a doctrine that is against the Word of God? These Pastors and teachers have lost their way. They themselves may be desiring riches for themselves and not to be used for the kingdom of God but for a life of luxury and ease. The Apostle Paul said, “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” They have “erred from the faith” for “the love of money is the root of all evil” and they are instructing both babes in the Lord and the mature to seek after riches while claiming this is of God of which it is not!! What is of God is what the Apostle Paul continues to tell Timothy to follow after and to teach others to do the same which is, “But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

So the man of God is to “flee these things”. To “follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness” and “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called”.

This is very unpopular to those who desire to be rich!! This is very unpopular to them who desire worldly gain!! This is very unpopular to them who are wolves in sheep’s clothing!! This is very unpopular to the hireling who will not lay down his life for the sheep!!

However, the Apostle Paul continues to teach Timothy who will be teaching others on how those who are rich are to conduct themselves. “Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to

enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

John 10:7-14

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.**

8 **All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.**

9 **I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.**

10 **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

11 **I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**

12 **But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.**

13 **The fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.**

14 **I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.**

Acts 20:28-35

28 **Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

29 **For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**

30 **Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.**

31 **Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**

32 **And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**

33 **I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.**

34 **Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.**

35 **I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.****

Jesus clearly teaches against The Prosperity Message of Riches!!

Luke 12:29-34

29 **And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.**

30 **For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.**

31 **But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

32 **Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

33 **Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.**

34 **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

Your treasure is supposed to be above “where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” So if your heart is on worldly gain of uncertain riches that fly away that is where your heart is also. You have erred from the faith!!

To the rich young ruler Jesus showed how hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

Luke 18:18-25

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.**

20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, **Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.**

23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, **How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!**

25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

This rich young ruler had the opportunity to leave behind the riches of the world and to literally come and follow after Jesus. Jesus gave him the opportunity to be one of his followers and have “treasure in heaven” but these worldly riches “which drown men in destruction and perdition” were more important to him than to lay up “treasure in heaven” and to follow after Jesus. Jesus then told his disciples, “How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!” Saying, “For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” So why would a man of God want to put such a dangerous doctrine of The Prosperity Message of Riches out to anyone? Especially young sheep of whom they devour? The answer is they are no longer following the gospel message and have erred from the faith and are teaching others to do the same! Woe unto these false teachers of men who are leading their sheep to their own destruction and demise!

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

The virgin Mary prophesying speaks concerning the rich of the world.

Luke 1:46-55

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.
50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.
53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
54 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;
55 As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

The Apostle James also speaks in the same manner as the Apostle Paul.

James 2:5-7

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?
6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?
7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

James 5:1-7

1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.
2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.
3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.
4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.
5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.
7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

To those that are rich the Apostle James tells them:

James 1:9-11

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:
10 But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away.
11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

King Solomon the wisest and riches king tells us many things concerning riches!

Proverbs 11:28

28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

Proverbs 13:7

7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

Proverbs 22:1

1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

Proverbs 23:4-5

4 Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

What were we commanded to follow after as followers of Christ?

1 Timothy 6:11-12

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