

Jesus & Money

Part 3: Wealth

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Luke 12:13-21 and Proverbs 3:9-10

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Ecclesiastes 5:10 Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! 11 The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers! 12 People who work hard sleep well, whether they eat little or much. But the rich seldom get a good night's sleep.

Wealth is a mixed blessing, vv10-12

It is good for us to work hard and to trust Jesus for our future. Wealth can bring difficulties.

Luke 12:15 And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” - Jesus

May our needs always be a priority our wants. I need to offer care to my family, friends, and community.

13 There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver. 14 Money is put into risky investments that turn sour, and everything is lost. In the end, there is nothing left to pass on to one's children. 15 We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us. 16 And this, too, is a very serious problem. People leave this world no better off than when they came. All their hard work is for nothing—like working for the wind. 17 Throughout their lives, they live under a cloud—frustrated, discouraged, and angry.

Wealth is often lost, vv.13-17

Eternal wealth is the only wealth that goes with you when you exit this world. It is good to leave a legacy that helps our children and grandchildren in this world

Circumstance might dictate the loss of worldly wealth.

Luke 12:20 “This night your soul will be required of you” —Jesus

Priority One: the wealth you truly want to have and give is spiritual wealth. “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?”-Jesus

18 Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. 19 And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. 20 God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.

Hold wealth loosely, vv.18-20

- **The Lord Jesus does not want us obsessed with the brevity of Life. “Life is like a vapor”**
- **The passage speaks of “Joy in the Heart”. This joy can only come from the Lord and Jesus wants joy for you in every aspect.**
- **Jesus wants us to enjoy these days upon the earth. Family - friends - good food - are all a gift from God.**
- **He wants the management of your wealth as a steward of the Lord to be a joyful faith building experience.**
- **This joy of the heart spoken of in the passage pertains to worldly wealth.**
- **The Lord wants us all to be wealthy spiritually and is not opposed to worldly**
- **In God’s word we find promises the He will give us both if we have the faith to trust Him, which means trusting His principles.**

Proverbs 3:9-10

**Honor the Lord with your wealth and
with the best part of everything you
produce. 10 Then he will fill your barns
with grain, and your vats will overflow
with good wine.**

John Wesley summed up wealth is a sermon titled “The Mammon of Unrighteous”

- **Make all the money you can without damaging your soul**
- **Save all the money you can without damaging your soul**
- **Give away all the money you can without damaging your soul”**