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Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday:

Ladies' Class: 10:00 a.m.

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What It Means to 'Be Rich'

The story in Luke 16:19 begins so well: "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day." What a life! The sharpest dressed man around. Never lacking a feast that included all the culinary delights. His life was a party. In fact, it may have seemed like a walking dream most of the time. Yet, tragically, after he draws his last breath on earth, he awakes on the other side in anguish!

So, what does it mean to be rich? The man in this story was undoubtedly surprised to find out that he had misunderstood the true meaning.

Is there a certain amount of money one needs to possess to be considered wealthy? That really isn't the point, is it? The point is there is something other than money that matters. There is something other than material wealth that makes us truly rich (Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 16:11).

It is fine to have money so long as it does not rule over us. We are called, "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19).

Jesus once asked, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Mark 9:36). The rich man in our story knew the answer: Nothing! Nothing is worth being rich in this life only to be in torment for eternity!

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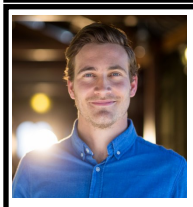
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The "true riches" that cannot be taken from us are things such as forgiveness, peace, knowing Heaven is our home and Jesus is our Lord, etc. If I am living with the "full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:22), then I am truly and wonderfully rich!

Take inventory of your spiritual bank account. Would the Lord consider you to be rich?

If we have been washed in the blood of Jesus and we are walking in the light, we are rich!

—Bart Warren



Opportunity to Do Good

We live in the land of opportunity. Every person has the opportunity to do an extremely vast number of things each day. We have choices when it comes to employment. We have choices when it comes to living. We have choices when it comes to entertainment. We have so many choices that usually we have a hard time choosing what we are going to do.

Many times, if we are honest, we have so many choices that we are distracted to what is really important. Notice Galatians 6:9-10: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." I believe there are four important words in this passage: if, not, opportunity, do.

IF. The truth is that not one person is forced to be a Christian and live the Christian life. "IF" we are willing to live the Christian life we can do good.

NOT. IF we are willing to do good and IF we are willing to faint NOT then we can be people who follow after Christ. The NOT means that we must be willing to never give up.

OPPORTUNITY. Each of us have the OPPORTUNITY to do good in our lives. It is right in front of us and we must be willing to open our eyes.

DO. We must be willing to DO good. Not wait for someone else to DO good but willing to find people to help.

The truth is that we have so many opportunities. Opportunities to invite someone to Church. Opportunities to help someone who is hurting. Opportunities to change lives if we are willing to do good. Someone is depending on you!

—Jonathan Burns





Bible Quiz: Acts 1:1-8

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. "The former account I made, O _____, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach."
2. Jesus presented Himself alive after His suffering "by many _____ proofs.
3. Jesus commanded the apostles not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the _____ of the Father.
4. "But you shall receive _____ when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."
5. True or False: Jesus told the apostles that it was for them to know the times or seasons which the Father had put in His own authority.



Pitching Failure Turned Legend

By 1989, baseball player Nolan Ryan reached an incredible 5,000 strikeouts, and all those no-hitters. Ryan was a phenomenal baseball player.

In his rookie year, 18 years earlier, Gil Hodges was the Mets' manager and was impatient with Ryan. Although Ryan could consistently throw over ninety miles an hour, he could not consistently throw over the plate. He was walking everybody and hitting a lot of people. Hodges told Ryan as one game began that he had to pitch better or he would pull him out and trade him. He would be finished.

Ryan went into that game determined that he was going to succeed. He was miserable. He walked seven or eight batters in four innings. Hodges took him out. Later that season he was traded to the Angels.

After the game, Richard Reeves went into the locker room to interview players. He noticed Nolan Ryan apart from the others, looking into a mirror, having difficulty tying his tie. Reeves saw tears in his eyes. Ryan was crying. He could not see to tie his tie because of the tears.

Reeves remembered that incident years later when Nolan Ryan was being celebrated as one of the immortals of baseball. He remembered that this legendary man, Nolan Ryan, began his long string of success thinking he had failed. But he kept working. He kept practicing. He kept doing his job.

In like manner, a Christian's life will have failures and disappointments. Many Christians have thrown up their hands and have quit the Christian race—thinking they had failed.

Friends, we must be persistent. "My beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

When failure and disappointment come, remember the words of Jesus' brother: "Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the test- ing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (James 1:2–4).

Don't give up—don't ever give up. Re- member, Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

—Tom Moore

Prayer Request

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. In need of kidney transplant.

Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Health concerns.

Greg Clifton. Dixie's son. Health concerns.

Tony Cockram. Recovering from surgery.

Harriet Copeland. Friend of Matthew. Stanleytown Health and Rehab.

Family of David Hollandsworth. Gary's brother. Passed away 10/31 after suffering a cardiac arrest. Funeral service was on 11-7.

Tammy Ingram. Health concerns.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recovering from back surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Recovering at home.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Tommy Stanley. Recovering from a car accident.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Kyle & Madison Willis. Friends of Brad. Madison has a mass that is near her aorta.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Nov. Birthday!

2ND	PAUL LIRETTE
19TH	SHERRY LIRETTE
29TH	RUBY MASON



Nov. Anniversaries

4TH	JACK & NANCY BEAVERS
25TH	KEVIN & VEL VET WYATT

Potter Children's Home Christmas Gifts!

Wish lists are available next to our left side offering box. If you would like to provide funds to purchase gifts for the children, please mark Potter in the memo line of your check or mark Potter for cash donations. Online donations, click potter in the drop-down box. All gifts & donations are due by Nov. 29th.



Ladies' Holiday Breakfast & Ornament Exchange.

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. More information and a flyer will be in the lobby.



Holiday Dinner!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Dinner! Sunday, December 13th following worship.

Upcoming Events:

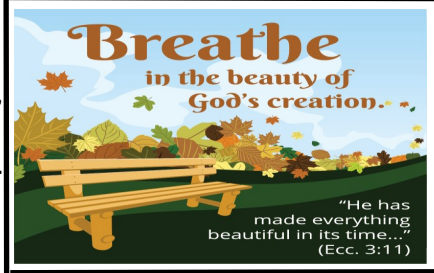
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