



Title: True riches – faithfulness in unrighteous mammon
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Acts 4:32&33

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Luke 16:10&11

He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the **true riches**?

Matthew 5:8 - Blessed *are* the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Desire to be rich – false riches

1 Timothy 6:9-10

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Signs of money influencing our lives:

1. Worry & anxiety (no trust in God)
2. Impulsive buying (no self-control)
3. Discontentment (always unhappy and dissatisfied with your salary, income, possessions)
4. Stinginess (struggle to give/share)
5. Greed (wanting more of what you already have, always wanting to upgrade)
6. Mishandling of debt (mishandling of credit cards, making more and more debt)

Safety nets not to fall into temptation – that will keep you from drowning and allow God to trust you with true riches

1. Budgeting
2. Seeking first the kingdom of God

Matthew 6:33 (NKJ) - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

3. Giving

Acts 20:35b - “It is more blessed to give than to receive....”

Different kinds of giving:

1. Tithing
2. Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7 - So let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Galatians 6:9-10

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

3. Alms

Proverbs 19:17

He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and that which he has given He will repay to him.