

The Blessedness of Possessing Nothing

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a dark, textured book. The word 'HOLY' is embossed in gold on the cover of the book.

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Matt 6:19-24 (ESV)

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,

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Matt 6:19-24 (ESV)

23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! **24** “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.



1 Tim 6: 6-10 (ESV)



6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,
7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we
cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if
we have food and clothing, with these we will
be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich
fall into temptation, into a snare, into many
senseless and harmful desires that plunge
people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the
love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is
through this craving that some have wandered
away from the faith and pierced themselves
with many pangs.

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1 Tim 6: 17-19 (ESV)

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. **18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, **19** 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.



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Matt 19:16-25 (ESV)

16 And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” **17** And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” **18** He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, **19** Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



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Matt 19:16-25 (ESV)

20 The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” **21** Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” **22** When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. **23** And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. **24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”



Matt 19:16-25 (ESV)

25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” **26** But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”



Matt 19: 23-24 (ESV)

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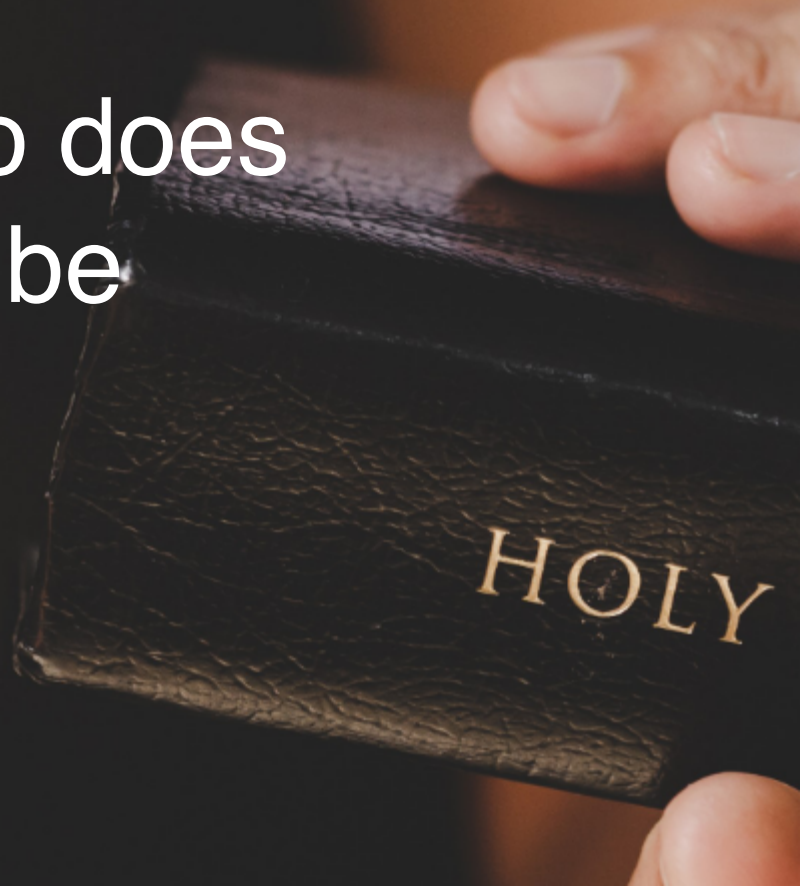


Luke 8:14 (ESV)

14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

Luke 14:33 (ESV)

33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.



Phil 1:20 (ESV)

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Ecc 12:14 (ESV)

“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgement, with every secret thing whether good or evil.



Phil 3 : 7-9 (ESV)

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

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