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There Is A Fundamental Connection Between Our Spiritual Lives And How We Think About Money

(James 1:9-11 NIV) The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. (10) But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. (11) For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.
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• The Poor Are Rich In The Lord

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- The Poor: Take Pride In High Position
- The Poor: Are Important In A Church
- Ignored In The World Not In The Kingdom
- The Poor: Have Equal Value In The Church
- The Poor: Have Equal Value In God
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WRONG TREATMENT OF THE POOR:

• Shows Contempt for God Prov. 14:31
• Shuts Us Off From God Prov. 21:13
• Brings Poverty Prov 22:16
• Is Judged by God Is. 3:13–15
• Is Dealt With by God Prov 22:22-23
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PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTION OF THE POOR:

• Daily payment of wages
  Lev. 19:13

• Sharing of tithes with
  Deut. 14:28, 29

• Loans to, without interest
  Lev. 25:35, 37

• Right to glean
  Lev. 19:9, 10

• Land restored in jubilee year
  Lev. 25:25–30

• Equal participation in feasts
  Lev. 16:11, 14

• Permanent bondage forbidden
  Dt. 15:12–15
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THE PROMISES OF GOD TO THE POOR:

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Right Treatment Of The Poor Is

• Recommended Deut. 24:14, 15
• Remembered Jer. 22:16
• Rewarded Matt. 25:34–40
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• The Poor Become Rich When They Recognize Their Need For Christ

• “Rich” & “Poor” Depends On “Self-Sufficiency” Or “God-Dependency”

• THE KEY: Know Your Need For God
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Sufficiency In Him Makes The Poor Rich & Blessed

- Hungry, But *Have The Bread Of Life*
- Thirsty, But *Have The Water Of Life*
- Poor, But *Have Eternal Riches*
- Thrown Away By Men, But *Eternally Received By God*
- No Home On Earth, But *A Glorious Home In Heaven*
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• **Good News For The Poor:**
  Their Trials Are Working In Them To Make Them More Like Christ
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• The Godly View Time As Temporary

• Time Will One Day Come To An End

• The Fortunes Of God’s People Is Not Determined By Their Financial Status
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- The Poor And Being Rich Each Have Their Own Type Of Trials

- We Have To Be Very Careful To Keep Our Priorities Straight

- In The End, Both Rich And Poor Suffer The Same Fate – They Die
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- **We All Can Become Members Of The Wealthiest People In All Eternity**

- *(Eph 1:18-19 NIV)* I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (19) and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,
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• Trials Remind The Poor That They Are Rich In The Lord & Therefore Can Lose Nothing

• Trials Remind The Rich That They Dare Not Live For Riches Or Trust In Them