RICH MAN – POOR MAN

• **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 Fortunes Of God’s People Is Not Determined By Their Financial Status

• The Poor And Being Rich Each Have Their Own Type Of Trials
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• 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 Wealehiest 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 -- They Can Lose Nothing

• Trials Remind The Rich That They Must Not Live For Riches Or Trust In Them
The Rich Man Is Only Rich When He Is Rich In Christ

(Jer 9:23-24 NIV) This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.
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- Wealth Cannot Buy Eternal Life

- Possessions And Possessors Will Pass Away

- You Can’t Take It With You!
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The Sum Of Earthly Riches = They Are Meager

• Spiritually valueless  Ps. 49:6, 7
• Inferior  Heb. 11:26
• Fleeting  Prov. 23:5
• Unsatisfying  Eccl. 4:8
• Hurtful  Eccl. 5:13, 14
• Deceitful  Matt. 13:22
• Choking  Luke 8:14
• Corrupted  James 5:2
• Uncertain  1 Tim. 6:17
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• Life Is No Cake Walk For The Rich

• Are Your Possessions Possessing You?
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Spiritual Handicaps Of The Rich

• Selfishly Satisfied        Luke 6:24
• Reluctant To Leave Riches   Luke 18:22–25
• Forgetful Of God           Luke 12:15–21
• Indifferent To Others      Luke 16:19–31
• Easily Tempted             1 Tim. 6:9
• Hindered Spiritually       Matt. 19:23, 24
• Misplaced Trust            Prov. 11:28
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Proper Attitude Toward Wealth:

• *Not To Be Put First* 1 Kin. 3:11, 13
• *Not To Be Trusted* Ps. 52:7
• *Do Not Set Heart Upon* Ps. 62:10
• *Not To Be Desired* Prov. 30:8
• *Not Forever* Prov. 27:24
• *Use It In Giving* 2 Cor. 8:2
• *Remember God’s Supply* Phil. 4:19
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• (James 1:9-11 NCV) (9) Believers who are poor should be proud, because God has made them spiritually rich. (10) Those who are rich should be proud, because God has shown them that they are spiritually poor. The rich will die like a wild flower in the grass. (11) The sun rises with burning heat and dries up the plants. The flower falls off, and its beauty is gone. In the same way the rich will die while they are still taking care of business.
RICH MAN – POOR MAN

- Riches: Here Today -- Gone Tomorrow

- Any Trial That Breaks Us Away From The Temporary And Passing -- And Sets Our Affections On Things Above Is A Blessing
RICH MAN – POOR MAN

The World’s View of Riches

- Money brings freedom
- Money brings security
- Money is what matters
- Money is power
- Money establishes your worth as a person
RICH MAN – POOR MAN

God’s Word -- View of Riches

• The desire for money leads to destruction
• Worldly wealth is very insecure
• Christ and His Kingdom matter
• Power comes from being Spirit filled
• Your worth is based on what God says
RICH MAN – POOR MAN

The World’s View of Riches

• Money makes you successful
• Money gives you options
• Money brings happiness
• Money is your reward. Spend it on yourself
• Money is your possession. Spend it on Wants
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God’s Word -- View Of Riches

• Success is doing what God says
• God is the One who gives you options
• The happiness that money brings is short-lived
• Lasting joy comes from knowing God
• Give as much as you can
• All that you have is God’s -- You are a manager
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