

Ten Biblical principles about money and wealth

A survey of Scripture

1. God owns everything and we are His stewards
2. Worship and trust God rather than money
3. Beware of the love of money
4. God cares how we manage our money
5. Honor God by faithfully giving of our income
6. Develop a lifestyle which creates margin and saves
7. Cultivate a generous heart and live sacrificially
8. Care for the poor, weak, oppressed, and needy
9. Use wealth to glorify God and build treasure in heaven
- 10. Pursue the True Riches rather than material wealth**

Principle 10. Pursue the true riches rather than material wealth. We have examined nine different Biblical principles concerning money and wealth. This tenth module is perhaps the most important of all because it puts into perspective the previous nine. Nearly all of them deal with earthly, material principles. These principles are important for living lives that please God with our money and wealth.

Besides earthly principles, we considered heavenly aspects of wealth, such as building treasure in heaven. This 10th module focuses exclusively on heavenly treasures which we call “The True Riches”. The Bible encourages us to pursue The True Riches rather than material wealth. The True Riches have nothing to do with material wealth because they are spiritual and have eternal value.

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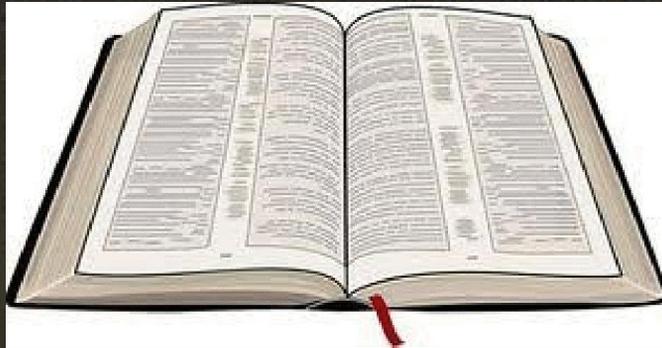


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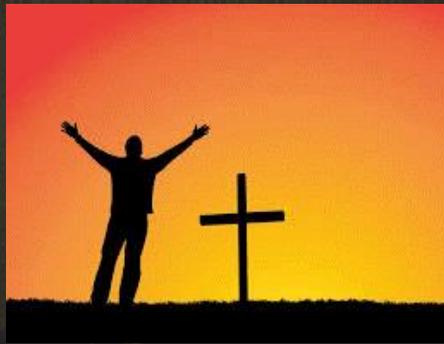


The Bible reveals the eternally surpassing value of the “True Riches” compared to earthly wealth: The Bible talks about priceless treasures that are available to all believers, regardless of financial status. These treasures are freely given by God, are spiritual in nature, and are eternally imperishable. They can not be bought, but only received. They are referred to in this seminar as The True Riches. We are encouraged in Scripture to pursue them rather than material wealth.

God wants our heart

Theme verse

The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. 1 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)



God wants our heart: The True Riches are spiritually discerned and touch our hearts in ways material wealth can't. Heart transformation has been the goal of our study from the beginning. Let's read once more 1 Timothy 1:5.

Principle #10. Pursue the true riches rather than material wealth

Outline

- The relationship between material wealth and the True Riches
- 13 examples of the True Riches
- 5 ways that the True Riches are different from material wealth
- 2 more priceless blessings in Christ
- 5 things that are better than monetary wealth
- A treasure of great value
- How to share the True Riches with others -->

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Key Bible passages

- **You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.** 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT)
- **...the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.** Ephesians 2:7b
- **in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—** Romans 9:23 (ESV)

Key Bible passages: let's read two Bible passages that present examples of The True Riches: the first one is 2 Corinthians 8:9. In this passage we learn that Christ took on poverty so that we could become rich. Of course, this is not referring to gaining material wealth, but spiritual riches and specifically eternal life.

The second passage is 2 Corinthians 6:10. In this passage, Paul states that his gifts to others make them rich spiritually. He specifically states that he has nothing of this world's goods to give, but he can give spiritual riches to others. Let's explore more deeply this subject of The True Riches.

But first, let's consider the question "Who is our God?"

God's attributes inform our financial world view

- 6. God knows the future and we should prepare for it according to sound biblical principles**
- 7. God is generous and has a sacrificial heart, and so should we**
- 8. God's compassionate heart informs our responsibility to the poor and needy**
- 9. God's glory and eternal kingdom are worthy of our investment**
- 10. God is our sufficiency and our real treasure is Jesus Christ**

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Why is he worthy of our passionate pursuit? Who is our God?

Who is our God?

- **Yahweh, Lord, Jehovah**
- **El Shaddai, Lord God Almighty**
- **El Elyon, The Most High God**
- **El Olam, The Everlasting, Eternal God**
- **Adonai, Lord, Master**
- **Jehovah Nissi, The Lord My Banner**
- **Jehovah-Raah, The Lord My Shepherd**
- **Jehovah Rapha, The Lord That Heals.**
- **Jehovah Shammah, The Lord Is There**
- **Jehovah Tsidkenu, The Lord Our Righteousness**
- **Jehovah Mekoddishkem, The Lord Who Sanctifies You**

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Who is our God (cont'd)

- El Olam, The Everlasting God
- Elohim, The Lord Who is God
- Qanna, Jealous
- Jehovah Jireh, The Lord Will Provide
- Jehovah Shalom, The Lord Is Peace
- Jehovah Sabaoth, The Lord Of Hosts
- El Mosha'ah, God of Salvation, God the Deliverer
- Jehovah Tsaba, The Eternal of Hosts/Armies
- El Roi, The God of Seeing
- El-Gibhor, Mighty God
- I Am

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The True Riches reflect the greatness, goodness, grace, and glory of God: They are bestowed on his children out of his vast riches in heaven. Their value far surpasses all temporal, earthly wealth because they are eternal. Scripture encourages us to pursue them rather than material wealth.

13 examples of the True Riches



12 examples of the True Riches: Let's conduct a survey of Scripture and identify twelve examples of The True Riches. This is not an exhaustive list nor are they listed in any particular order. Many of these examples are interrelated, all having to do with the gifts and spiritual blessings given by God to his children, described as "vessels of mercy". So, at the risk of some overlap, let's look at these precious truths.

1. Our relationship with God

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT)



1. Riches Christ gave to us through his poverty: the first example is perhaps the most important of The True Riches: Christ made us rich through his poverty. Let's read 2 Corinthians 8:9. Our salvation came at a great price. Christ gave up his high position in heaven to take on the form of a man, then become obedient unto death.

This treasure's value cannot be measured. It was not purchased by monetary means but at a far greater price-- Christ's own precious blood. It is a free gift given to us through faith. Though it is a free to us, it cost the giver everything. Let's read Romans 10:11-13.

2. Christ living in us

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. *Colossians 1:27*



2. Christ living in us: Another one of The True Riches given to us by God is a supernatural gift that cannot be explained by natural means. It is Christ living in us, our hope of glory. This is found in Colossians 1: 27.

3. Our union with Christ

For in union with Christ you have become rich in all things, including all speech and all knowledge. 1 Corinthians 1:5 (TEV).



3. Our union with Christ: another of The True Riches are the resources we need to live a godly life. By his Spirit, he empowers us for godly living, he imparts spiritual knowledge to us, he informs our speech, and he gives us wisdom to live our lives in a manner pleasing to him. Let's read 1 Corinthians 1:5.

4. Our precious faith



**Listen, my beloved brethren:
Has God not chosen the poor of
this world *to be* rich in faith
and heirs of the kingdom which
He promised to those who love
Him?** James 2:5 (NKJV)



4. Our precious faith: is there any spiritual treasure more valuable than our faith? Let's read James 2:5.

5. Abundant life in Christ

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 (NLT)



5. Abundant life in Christ: another of The True Riches is the abundant and satisfying life that Christ gives those who have put their faith in him. John 10:10.

6. God's glory

...in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory Romans 9:23 (ESV)



6. God's glory: we can catch glimpses of God's glory here on earth, such as the wonders of his creation. But we can't begin to imagine the glory God will shower on us in heaven. We know that our glory will be Christ Jesus himself, but perhaps there are manifestations of Christ's glory that will be ours that can not even be described or imagined in this life. Rom 9:23.

7. God's grace

...the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:7b



7. God's grace: God's grace given to us through Christ is a central New Testament teaching. Grace is a precious concept, and we could not exist without it. But in these two passages, we understand that they are part of The True Riches. God's grace is indeed one of the greatest treasures that we could ever hope to experience, not only in this life but the life to come. Let's read Ephesians 2:7b and Ephesians 1:7.

8. God's character

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? Romans 2:4



8. God's character: God's character applied for our benefit are another of the spiritual riches. Three of them are mentioned in this passage. How can we measure the extent of his kindness, tolerance and patience toward us? We can't! Romans 2:4.

9. Indwelling power of the Holy Spirit



I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, Ephesians 3:16

9. Indwelling power of the Holy Spirit: a precious treasure is the indwelling Holy Spirit, who is the source of power for living a life pleasing to God. Ephesians 3:16.

10. Our unsearchable riches in Christ



To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, Ephesians 3:8 (ESV)

10. Our unsearchable riches in Christ: the unsearchable riches of Christ. The word unsearchable gives us a clue that blessings that we get from his storehouse of treasure cannot be completely described, listed, understood, or characterized. And I believe that we only see a glimpse of these in our lives here on earth. The complete revealing of these riches will be in heaven when we will fully know him. Ephesians 1:18.

11. Riches given to us by the poor

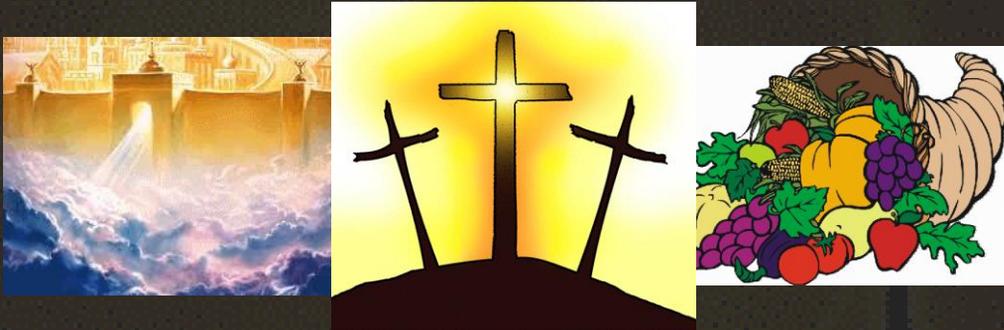
Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything. 2 Cor 6:10 (NLT)



11. Riches given to us by the poor: spiritual riches given to us by the poor. As we've already seen, God has a special relationship with the poor. He often gives them great faith and joy. As special objects of his grace, I believe he can give them extraordinary spiritual insight. And we are blessed and encouraged when they share these spiritual riches with us. Let's read 2 Corinthians 6:10.

12. God as the supplier of our needs in Christ

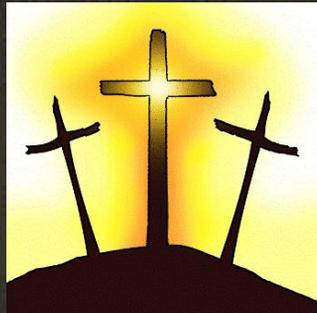
And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19**



12. Having God as the provider of our needs: the 12th item on our list of True Riches, though not the last, is the blessing of having God as our provider. Once again, this blessing comes from his immeasurable treasures given to us in Christ.

13. Our salvation

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace Ephesians 1:7



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5 differences between the True Riches and material wealth



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5 differences between the True Riches and material wealth: as mentioned earlier, the list we just reviewed is not exhaustive and perhaps not even representative of the full extent of The True Riches given by God. But, having looked at several examples of spiritual riches, let's contrast them with material wealth.

1. The True Riches are spiritual in nature rather than material

“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? Luke 16:10-11 (NLT)



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1. The True Riches are spiritual in nature rather than material: first The True Riches are spiritual in nature rather than material. Luke 16:10-11 makes this clear.

2. The True Riches originate in heaven rather than the earth



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2. The True Riches originate in heaven rather than the earth: This same passage indicates that The True Riches originate in heaven rather than on the earth. Luke 16:11.

3. The True Riches of heaven are eternal; earthly wealth is temporary

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)

3. The True Riches of heaven are eternal; earthly wealth is temporary: The treasures of heaven will not perish; earthly wealth is fleeting. Matthew 6:19-21.

4. The True Riches are gifts from God; earthly wealth can be achieved through human effort

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. John 1:16 (NLT)

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4. The True Riches are gifts from God; earthly wealth can be achieved through human effort: The True Riches are gifts from God. They cannot be earned or purchased. They are entrusted to us, as we saw in Luke 16:11. On the other hand, earthly wealth is a blessing from God but can be achieved through human effort. Let's read John 1:16 and John 10:10.

5. The True Riches depend on our relationship to God; earthly wealth depends on our abilities, wisdom, performance and circumstance

Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” Luke 12:15, 21 (NLT)



5. The True Riches depend on our relationship to God; earthly wealth depends on our abilities, wisdom, performance and circumstance: The True Riches depend upon our relationship with God. They come from above. They are freely given at his discretion and for his purposes. Earthly wealth is also a blessing from God, but often are given only when man exerts his abilities, wisdom, performance, circumstance and hard work.

Two more priceless treasures in Christ

The fruit of the Spirit: **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.** (Gal 5:22)

Spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit: **Prophecy, faith, healing, encouragement, discernment, administration, etc.** Rom 12, 1 Cor 12

Two more priceless treasures in Christ: A study of The True Riches would not be complete without looking at two other priceless treasures that we have in Christ. They don't seem to be called "true riches", but they are of supreme value. First, the fruit of the Spirit: let's read Galatians 5:22. The fruits of the Spirit are expressions of love we give to others, and to ourselves.

The second treasure we have in Christ are the spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit. We all know that the spiritual gifts are for building up the body of Christ and expanding his kingdom. We will not study them in this module. But it is important to note that they are so valuable that no price can be ascribed to them.

5 things that are better than monetary wealth



5 things that are better than monetary wealth: we have examined 12 of The True Riches, and we have looked at two additional spiritual blessings of immeasurable value. Let's now look at five things in life that are better than monetary wealth.

1. Poverty with purity



Better a poor man whose walk is blameless **than a rich man whose ways are perverse.** Proverbs 28:6

1. Poverty with purity: the first is poverty with purity. It is better to be poor with a pure heart that it is to be rich but corrupt. Proverbs 28:6.

2. A good reputation



Choose a good reputation over great riches; **being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold.** Proverbs 22:1

2. A good reputation: the second is a good reputation. It's an essential quality of a Christ-follower and it is worth any price to keep. Once lost, it cannot be purchased with money. Let's read Proverbs 22:1.

3. Knowledge, understanding and wisdom

- **A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables. Proverbs 24:3-4 (NLT)**
- **Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Proverbs 3:13-15 (NLT)**
- **How much better to get wisdom than gold, and good judgment than silver! Proverbs 16:16 (NLT)**

3. Knowledge, understanding and wisdom: the three are the triad of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. We need knowledge in order to gain understanding, and understanding, when fully mature, produces wisdom. Solomon repeatedly encouraged people to seek these treasures rather than monetary wealth. Let's read Proverbs 24: 3-4, Proverbs 3:13-15, in Proverbs 16:16.

4. The ability to enjoy our lives



Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work-- this is a gift of God

Ecclesiastes 5:19

4. The ability to enjoy our life: the fifth thing that is better than monetary wealth is the ability to enjoy our lives. Many people who obtain wealth are not happy. They chase around the world spending great sums of money looking for satisfaction and meaning, yet these precious values elude them. The Bible says there are those who have little of this world's goods who have deep joy. We know that friends and family are among the most precious of gifts we enjoy. Let's read Ecclesiastes 5:19.

5. A wife of noble character



Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. Proverbs

31:10 (NLT)

5. A wife of noble character: here is a priceless gift: a wife of noble character. This is a photo of my beautiful wife, Julie. She has been a true gift from God. By his grace, we celebrated our 57th anniversary in January of 2023. She is a deep object of my care and concern, and I love her deeply. She has made me a rich man.

A treasure of great wealth

Godliness with contentment

Yet true godliness
with contentment
is itself great
wealth. 1 Timothy 6:6
(NLT)



A treasure of great wealth: here is a treasure of tremendous value. It is one of the keys to happiness, and it is very precious. It is contentment accompanied with godliness. Let's read 1 Timothy 6:6.

6 Principles of contentment

Godliness is its foundation



6 Principles of contentment: let's look at some ways of finding contentment that we find in Scripture. We have already seen that godliness is its foundation.

1. Commit our heart to God and pursue holiness

GOD is always on the alert, constantly on the lookout for people who are totally committed to him. 2 Chronicles 16:9a (MSG)

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16

1. Commit our heart to God and pursue holiness: first, to be spiritually content, we must humbly commit our heart to God and pursue a life of holiness. As his children, we desire to be led by the Holy Spirit in all our ways. Let's read 2 Chronicles 16:9a and 1 Peter 1:13-16.

2. Trust in God's promise to care for us

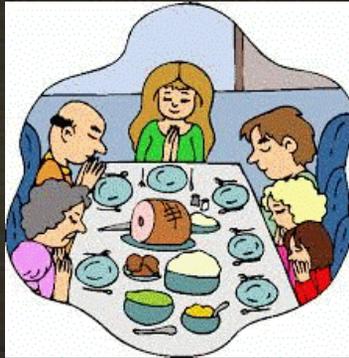


Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

2. Trust in God's promise to care for us: secondly, if we want to be truly content, we must be satisfied with what we have, trusting in God's promise to care for us. Hebrews 13:5.

3. Be satisfied with the basic necessities of life

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 1 Timothy 6:6-8



3. Be satisfied with the basic necessities of life: we should be satisfied if we have the basic necessities of life. We have examined godly ways of dealing with material blessings should God give them to us, but the Bible teaches that these additional blessings are not necessary for contentment. Let's read 1 Timothy 6:6-8.

4. Adapt to and even thrive in whatever financial situation we find ourselves

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians

4:10-13

4. Adapt to and even thrive in whatever financial situation we find ourselves: this principle is similar to the previous one. We can choose to thrive in whatever financial situation we find ourselves through our relationship with the indwelling Christ. Obviously, we want to work hard and improve our situation if possible. We have seen this leads to additional blessings for ourselves and for others. But we should not wait until our lives improve financially in order to thrive right where we are. There is a saying: “bloom where you are planted”. I believe there is wisdom in that old adage.

5. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, **since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.** Colossians 3:15

5. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts: Two other keys to achieving contentment are found in Colossians 3:15. Let's read this passage.

The first is letting the peace of Christ reign in our hearts. What does the peace of Christ look like. Are we committed to doing God's will in what we think, say, and do? Are we confident of his loving sovereignty in our lives? If so, we can decide to let Christ's peace reign in our hearts. We can choose to say "It is well with my soul".

The circumstances we are in might be very unsettling call dangerous, or chaotic, but we can ask God for his peace because we know that he is in control of our lives, his will for us is perfect, and he loved us so much that he not only *let* his son die for us but *gave* his son to die for us. What greater love is there than that? Nothing.

6. Be thankful in everything



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. **And be thankful.** Colossians 3:15

6. Be thankful: the second key to contentment found in this verse is being thankful.

Do we practice thankfulness as a lifestyle? Do we have a thankful heart? Are we grateful to God for each day no matter our circumstance? Do we express our gratitude to him daily for the common and special graces that he gives us?

6 ways to contentment

- 1. Be fully committed to God and live a holy life**
- 2. Trust in him to care for us**
- 3. Be satisfied with the basic necessities of life**
- 4. Adapt to every financial circumstance**
- 5. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts**
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Let's review these six paths to contentment:

1. Be fully committed to God and live a holy life
2. Trust in him to care for us
3. Be satisfied with the basic necessities of life
4. Adapt to every financial circumstance
5. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts
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Share the True Riches with others

- Give them our time
- Offer them godly wisdom
- Pray for them
- Use our spiritual gifts for their benefit
- Give them tangible expressions of love, empathy and compassion (eg, Blessings Fund)
- Help them grow in their relationship with Christ
- Share the gospel with them

Share our True Riches with others: this module has been a call to seek The True Riches rather than material wealth. Once we experience them, I believe there are some ways that we can share them with others. We can

- Give them our time
- Speak godly wisdom into their lives
- Pray for them
- Use our spiritual gifts for their benefit
- Give them tangible expressions of love, empathy and compassion. We saw from the concept of the blessings fund that we can be spontaneous in meeting the needs of others. I believe this can be a great joy to them and us.
- Disciple others and help them grow in their relationship to Christ.
- Last but not least: we can share the gospel of Christ with them.

Quiz

True or false

- Which ones of the following are examples of the True Riches?
 - ▶ God's kindness and grace
 - ▶ The indwelling Holy Spirit
 - ▶ God's material blessings
 - ▶ Spiritual riches given to us by the poor

Quiz

Discussion

- **Discuss some ways of how you or others are using spiritual gifts for the benefit of others**
 - **A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NLT)**

Questions for discussion

Summary of this module on the True Riches

- **If we are faithful with worldly goods, God may grant us spiritual treasures**
- **True Riches are spiritual in nature rather than material.**
- **True Riches are eternal, not temporal**
- **True Riches are freely given by the grace of God, manifested by a personal relationship with God, and reveal the glory of God**
- **The True Riches are our true source of happiness and usefulness for God's kingdom, and are to be earnestly pursued rather than material wealth**
- **Abundances of faith may be most often found among the poor**
- **Godliness with contentment is a precious treasure**
- **We should share the True Riches with others**

Summary of the True Riches: let's summarize this module on The True Riches.

- First, if we are faithful with worldly goods God may grant us spiritual treasures.
- The True Riches are spiritual in nature rather than material.
- The True Riches are eternal and will not wear out; earthly wealth is temporal and can disappear
- They are given by the grace of God and reveal the glory of God.
- The True Riches are our true source of happiness and usefulness for God's kingdom, and are to be earnestly pursued rather than material wealth.
- I believe Scripture teaches that an abundance of faith is found most often among the poor
- Contentment with godliness is a precious treasure.
- We should share The True Riches that God gives us with others.

Team assignment

True riches

- List at least 6 teachings from Scripture that distinguish “true riches” from material wealth
- List 4 things that God is looking for in people regarding their attitude towards money
- List 10 things you would rather have than material wealth
- Put a price tag on each item which would be your sales price for relinquishing it ->

Team assignment

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Review of the ten principles

Scriptural teaching about money and wealth

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3. Beware of the love of money
4. God cares how we manage our money
5. Honor God by faithfully giving of our income
6. Develop a lifestyle which creates margin and saves
7. Cultivate a generous heart and live sacrificially
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9. Use wealth to glorify God and build treasure in heaven
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Summary of Principle #10. Pursue the true riches rather than material wealth. The last, and perhaps the most important of the ten principles may be stated as follows: Pursue the true riches rather than material wealth. This quest represents the deeper message of this seminar regarding God's plan for our money. It's really not about money, but rather it's about him. God, himself, and a rich relationship with him, should be our goal--not material wealth.

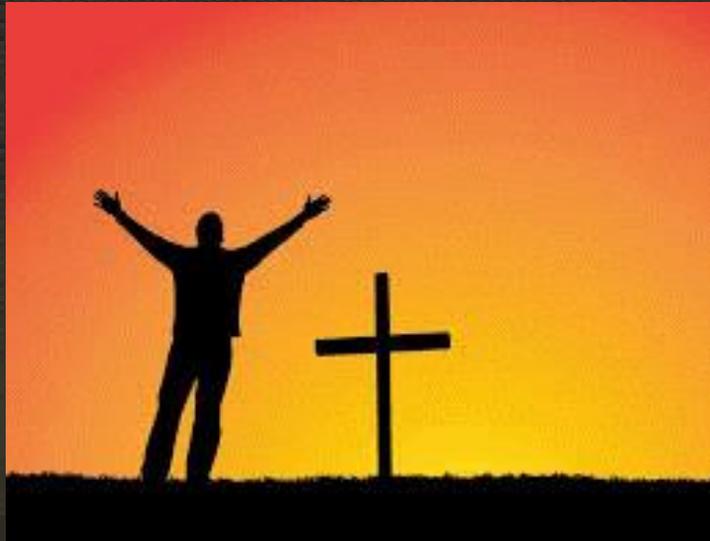
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