

Should Christians Pursue Wealth?  
(Part 2) Is Wealth Evil?

Last week we heard Jesus discuss how \_\_\_\_\_ it is for “rich” people to enter the kingdom of heaven

For those who have no \_\_\_\_\_ with God, money is their God

How do we walk the fine line of effects of money and wealth on our hearts and lives?

Jesus promised \_\_\_\_\_

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

Wealth is really no more than a \_\_\_\_\_ from God to be used or misused, based on the condition of the heart of the user

(Deuteronomy 8:18) You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth

(1 Timothy 5:8) Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

(2 Thessalonians 3:10-11) 10 Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat." 11 Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. 12 We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living.

Proverbs 21 devotes 5 verses to \_\_\_\_\_ with money/wealth (21:5,6,17,20,26)

Jesus and Paul discuss the \_\_\_\_\_ of faithful, godly \_\_\_\_\_ of money

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11a)

(Luke 6:38) Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

There is actually a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of giving

(Romans 12:8) 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

(Matthew 6:19-34) God provides all we need when we seek his \_\_\_\_\_

God does not \_\_\_\_\_ anyone for having riches.

Riches come to people from many sources, but He gives grave \_\_\_\_\_ to those who seek wealth more than they seek after and trust in God.

Wealth in itself is not evil, but it can become a source used by evil to cause spiritual harm if it is not