

True Riches

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- **True Riches**

What are true riches? We hear a lot of talk now about having riches. Let's look in the Word of God and see what Christ describes as true riches. Let's look at Luke 21:1-4: "And he looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offering of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had." Wow, there is a lot of truth Jesus tells us in this Scripture. The woman who had nothing, who just gave everything she had, Jesus said she gave more than the other men who had put much money in the offering. So we see that it's not the amount that you give to the Lord that will determine your blessing or how pleased He is with you, because giving first comes from the heart. This widow woman loved Jesus and wanted to give Him all that she had, even though it was only two mites. If all you have is a little bit, Christ is well pleased.

- **Christ Is the Ultimate Wealth**

Christ also describes this widow woman's attitude in another parable that He taught. The story is in Matthew 13:44-46: "Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." This is like the widow woman. She gave all that she had for the Kingdom. To have Christ is the ultimate wealth. Having Him is greater than having a big house, a nice car, or a big bank account. He is priceless! When you give to the Kingdom, you are laying up treasure in Heaven and not on this earth. You will be greatly rewarded in Heaven for your giving here on Earth.

- **The Tree of Life and the Crown of Life**

True riches are not money. They are your rewards from the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Let's look at some Scriptures where Christ tells us what we will receive for following Him and being obedient to Him on this earth. Revelation 2:7 says: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." Because of your obedience to Christ, He is going to let you eat from the tree of life. This means you will live forever. Revelation 2:10 says: "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." For your obedience and willingness to never give up, you will receive a crown in Heaven.

- **Hidden Manna and a New Name**

Revelation 2:17 says: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." God is going to give you a new name that only you and He will know.

- **From Power Over Nations to Sharing His New Name**

Revelation 2:26 says: "And he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." Wow, Christ said that we will have power over nations. That promise is not only for the twelve apostles, but for us also. Revelation 21:7 says: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son." Revelation 3:5 says: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment: and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels." Revelation 3:12 says: "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem,

which cometh down out of heaven from my God and I will write upon him my new name.” God is going to write His new name on you!

- **Sharing the Throne of Christ**

Revelation 3:21 says: “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne.” What an honor! We will be able to sit with Christ on His throne! I hope these Scriptures opened your eyes to understand what true riches are. They are not money; but they are finishing your course as Paul said, “fighting the good fight” and being with Jesus for eternity. Don’t lay up treasures here on earth, but look to Jesus, Who is your great reward!