



## The Power of Wealth

Wealth: Is It Worth It? - Part 1 of 4

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**Big Idea:** Wealth is worth it if we are thinking sanely about the power of wealth and keeping it in proper perspective.

**Text:** Luke 12:15-31

### I. \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." – Luke 12:15*

*"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." – Luke 12:20-21*

*"Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."  
– Luke 12:23, 29-31*

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. – Psalm 24:1a*

*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. – 1 Corinthians 4:2*

### II. \_\_\_\_\_.

*The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. – Ecclesiastes 5:12*

*"Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!" – Luke 12:24*

### III. \_\_\_\_\_.

*Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. – Ecclesiastes 5:10a*

*“Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” – Luke 12:27*

*Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,” so that we confidently say, “THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?” – Hebrews 13:5-6 {NASV}*

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. – 1 Timothy 6:6*

### IV. \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Luke 12:32-34*

*“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?” – Luke 16:11*

### **MEMORY VERSE**

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