What It Means To "Be Rich"

The story in Luke 16:19 begins so well: "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day." What a life! The sharpest dressed man around. Never lacking a feast that included all the culinary delights. His life was a party. In fact, it may have seemed like a walking dream most of the time. Yet, tragically, after he draws his last breath on earth, he awakes on the other side in anguish!

So, what does it mean to be rich? The man in this story was undoubtedly surprised to find out that he had misunderstood the true meaning.

Is there a certain amount of money one needs to possess to be considered wealthy? That really isn't the point, is it? The point is there is something other than money that matters. There is something other than material wealth that makes us truly rich (Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 16:11).

It is fine to have money so long as it does not rule over us. We are called, "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19).

Jesus once asked, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). The rich man in our story knew the answer: ***Nothing!*** Nothing is worth being rich in this life only to be in torment for eternity!

The "true riches" that cannot be taken from us are things such as forgiveness, peace, knowing Heaven is our home and Jesus is our Lord, etc. If I am living with the "full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:22), then I am truly and wonderfully rich!

Take account of your spiritual bank account. Would the Lord consider you to be rich?

If we have been washed in the blood of Jesus and we are walking in the light, we are rich!

- South Green Church of Christ, Glasgow, KY -

"Prosperity is only an instrument to be used; not a deity to be worshipped."
Calvin Coolidge

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News & Notes

TODAY'S SPEAKER: John Ward from the WV School of Preaching. Bro. Rico had a funeral in Florida.

SYMPATHY: To Ed Michels at the recent passing of his brother, Dave. God bless and comfort the family.

COVERED DISH: TODAY about Noon. Afternoon worship 2:00 p.m. Join us for both times of fellowship.

GOSPEL MEETING: Nov. 1-5, Steelton Church of Christ with Rod Goddard. Details on the Bulletin Board.

ELECTION DAY: This Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. If you haven't voted, please do so. It's a freedom we should cherish.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday 11:00 a.m.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Resumes this Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Nov. 7th, 8:00 a.m. at Sweet Rock in Newell.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Next Saturday, Nov. 7th, 8:45 a.m.- Noon (Lunch provided) at the Hanoverton Church of Christ. Topic: "Leave Your Baggage". Speaker: Danielle Burch. Details on the Bulletin Board.

MEN'S DAY: Next Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9:30 a.m. to Noon. (Lunch to follow) at Lubeck Church of Christ. Details on the Bulletin Board.

PANTRY: Dinty Moore Stew.

REMEMBER THE SICK & SHUT-INS: ***St. Clair Hospital, 1000 Bower Hill Rd., Pittsburgh, PA:*** Randy Beagle. ***At Home:*** Paula Clutter, Noni Scadden, Donna Stevens, Scharlotte Jones.

FOX: Patty McCullough, Marlene Evans, Mary Johnson.

SERRA, Weirton: Jean Haught (Skip's mother).

ELSEWHERE: Kita Miller, Rebecca Henderson, Rea Sellers, David Wilson, Nancy Hadley, Sue Baumgardner, Brenda Harris, Christy Claypool, Jackie Brown, Brett Thompson, Herman McHan.

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Daily 12:30-12:35 p.m.
On WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM