



## WHY GOD WANTS YOU TO BE RICH

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***What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving.***

***People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works.***

***Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, and God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.***

***"Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.***

**Matthew 6:31-34 (Message)**

### **POVERTY IS A DISEASE (CURSE)**

There is no virtue in poverty; it is a disease like any other mental disease.

The urge of the life principle in you is toward growth, expansion, and the life more abundant.

Cleanse your mind of all weird and superstitious beliefs about money.

You lose what you condemn. You cannot attract what you criticise.

Give some thoughts to your roots and why you're doing whatever it is you're doing today. It's a good way to start thinking for yourself! What is important is what you want for yourself and your family. Why does God want you to be rich? Do you want to be rich and why?

### **THE RICHEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED**

***That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, 'Ask for whatever you want me to give you.'***

***Solomon answered God, 'You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. Now, Lord God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?'***

***God said to Solomon, 'Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, riches or honour, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, riches and honour, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have.'***

**2 Chronicles 1:7-12**

What was promised was delivered. Solomon's wisdom, success, and wealth increased beyond imagination. His gold reserves, holdings of land and livestock, and royal palace were immense. Rulers of nations throughout the world sought his advice.

- Steven K. Scott; **The Richest Man Who Ever Lived**

**GOD's blessing makes life rich; nothing we do can improve on God.**

**Proverbs 10:22(Message)**

**The blessing of the Lord-it makes [truly] rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it] (Amplified).**

## **WHY DO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE RICH, FAIL TO BECOME RICH?**

### **Environment:**

**<sup>8</sup>And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward in Eden. And there He put the man whom He had formed.**

**<sup>15</sup>And Jehovah God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it.**

**Genesis 2:8, 15**

Sometimes the quickest way to change and improve yourself is simply to change your environment.

From the beginning God provided a proper, perfect environment and the perfect relationship for man in which he could live his life to the full, and manifest his full glory as people that live in harmony with El Elyon, the Most High God. At the same time man could manifest his glory by becoming everything God created him to be.

## **WHY DID GOD WANT ABRAHAM, JOSEPH AND SOLOMON TO BE RICH?**

One of the biblical meanings of *glory* is "wealth". When Scriptures says that ***the whole earth is filled with His glory***, it also means that God's resources are everywhere.

- **Glory or Wealth is the Full Reflection of God's Nature.**

Glory is God that reflects Himself, or the complete nature of God displayed. That is why **Psalm 19:1** says; ***the heavens declare the glory of God***. The words declare also means, *to show forth* and another word for *show forth* is *exhibition or display*.

- **God's Nature is to be a Creator and His Creation Displays His Creativity.**

***Yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his magnificence (excellence, dignity, and grace) was not arrayed like one of these.***

**Matthew 6:29**

***When the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom and skill, the house he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, the standing at attention of his servants, their apparel, his cupbearers, his ascent by which he went up to the house of the Lord [or the burnt offerings he sacrificed], she was breathless and overcome.***

***She said to the king, it was a true report I heard in my own land of your acts and sayings and wisdom.***

*I did not believe it until I came and my eyes had seen. Behold, the half was not told me. You have added wisdom and goodness exceeding the fame I heard.*

*Happy are your men! Happy are your servants who stand continually before you, hearing your wisdom!*

*Blessed be the Lord your God, Who delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, He made you king to execute justice and righteousness.*

**I Kings 10:4-9**

### **The Four Principles of Glory in Creation:**

1. God created everything with His glory.
2. God created everything to display His glory.
3. God takes pleasure when He sees His glory displayed.
4. God created man as the ultimate expression of His glory.

### **GOD WANTS A JOSEPH COMPANY TO MANIFEST HIS GLORY IN THE MARKET PLACE**

Josephs are kingdom-focused, not self-focused. God is righteously rich, and He is going to enjoy showing off His abundance over the next several years by putting His resources in the right hands.

We read in **Genesis 41:49, *Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable.*** One “Joseph plan” accessed an immeasurable amount of treasure.

Not only will there be a coming transfer of wealth, but there will also be a transfer of the source of wealth. Joseph dreams and ideas will come from above, and then in practical ways we will see breakthroughs in the energy source that come from God, because ***Jehovah God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it.***

The first mark of a Joseph business is that it is uniquely meeting a need. The second mark is that wealth is the by-product, not the goal.

### **REDEFINING PROSPERITY**

- To prosper is the ability to meet the need of mankind in realm of life.
- Means to excel to the point of desired.
- Making good progress in the pursuit of anything desirable.
- True prosperity will always go beyond you.
- It’s an inward attitude – not just an outward gathering of possessions.
- Prosperity covers every area of your life.

Prosperity is a spiritual place in which we know that God is taking care of us and that He will continue to do so. It is where we know Him as Jehovah-Jireh – “The Lord who is provision.”

God wants us rich, He wants us to manifest prosperity in every sector of society, so let’s do it well. The day you lose your fear about whether God will continue to take care of you is the day you become wealthy – prosperous!