



## **CHASING THE WIND: Money and Stuff**

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Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

### **Ecclesiastes 6:9 NLT**

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

### **Luke 12:15 NLT**

<sup>13</sup>Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me." <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?" <sup>15</sup>Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. <sup>17</sup>He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. <sup>19</sup>And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' <sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' <sup>21</sup>"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

### **Luke 12:13-21 NLT**

### **Good News - You're Rich!**

Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. **Ecclesiastes 5:19 NIV**

## **Bad News - You're Rich!**

<sup>24</sup> Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!

<sup>25</sup> Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

**Luke 18:24-25 NIV**

<sup>17</sup> Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. <sup>19</sup> By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

**1 Timothy 6:17-19 NLT**

**God has blessed me with more than I need. I'm rich. But I will not trust in my riches, but in Him who richly provides. Because I have more, I will give more and do more.**