

## Doctrine of Riches

### New Testament Teaching

1. There is a deceitfulness about riches which can destroy the soul forever.
  - *Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.*
  - *Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*
2. Jesus said it is difficult, but not impossible, for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God.
  - *Mark 10:23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!*
3. The temptation comes to many to place their confidence in riches, and not in God.
  - *Mark 10:24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!*
4. Riches can choke out spiritual life.
  - *Luke 8:14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.*
5. God is careful to whom He entrust true spiritual riches.
  - *Luke 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?*
6. In His humanity, the Lord Jesus was sorrowful that individuals would embrace riches in preference to the kingdom of God.
  - *Luke 18:24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!*
7. Spiritual riches are identified as God's goodness, forbearance, longsuffering, and gift of repentance, all of which can be despised.
  - *Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

8. In matchless grace God will make known to the elect the riches of His glory.
  - *Romans 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,*
9. The materialistic riches of the world can lead a nation to fall from grace and turn from God.
  - *Romans 11:12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?*
10. The spiritual riches of God are unsearchable.
  - *Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*
11. A generous heart of grace giving is viewed as spiritual riches.
  - *2 Corinthians 8:2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.*
12. The riches of divine grace include redemption through the blood of Christ and the forgiveness of sins, past, present, and future.
  - *Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
13. Every believer should perceive and understand the riches of the glory of Christ's inheritance in the saints.
  - *Ephesians 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*
14. Throughout the ages the angels, and others, are being shown the exceeding riches of God's grace towards sinners.
  - *Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*
15. There are riches in Christ that are unsearchable in the sense that they are inexhaustible such as His virgin birth, His incarnation, His hypo-static union, His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. Glory follows glory.
  - *Ephesians 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;*

16. The indwelling ministry of God the Holy Spirit reflects the riches of divine glory.
- *Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*
17. The needs of the saints are supplied according to God's riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- *Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*
18. No earthly wealth or riches can compare with the riches of the glory of this ministry: Christ in the believer, the hope of glory.
- *Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*
19. Assurance of spiritual understanding and knowledge of God the Father, and Christ, constitutes spiritual riches that can comfort the heart.
- *Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;*
20. Those who are wealthy, and enjoy worldly riches, are to be warned.
- *1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;*
21. A spiritual minded person, such as Moses, can esteem Christ to be of far greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.
- *Hebrews 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*
22. Worldly wealth and riches can become corrupt and meaningless in the day of divine reckoning.
- *James 5:2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.*
  - *Revelation 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,*
23. Jesus Christ is worthy to receive all power, and riches.
- *Revelation 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*