



## The Risk of Riches

By Joe Slater

Contrary to popular belief, money is not the root of all evil. The "love" of it is "a" root of "all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). Think about this: You don't have to be rich to love money; and those who are rich don't necessarily love money.

Three questions help to determine whether wealth endangers your soul: 1) How did you get it? 2) How do you use it? 3) What is your attitude toward it?

Wealth may be earned, inherited, or freely given to you. It may also be obtained through theft, fraud, or other dishonorable means. Both Old and New Testaments condemn those dishonest practices while commending work, inheritances, and giving.

Wealth may be used for good or evil. One reason for working is to "have something to give to him who has need" (Ephesians 4:28). The rich fool in Jesus' parable (Luke 12) used his wealth only selfishly. Paul praised the brethren who gave cheerfully and generously to help the poor and support the preaching of the gospel.

How you obtain wealth and how you use it may be affected by your attitude toward it. As seen earlier, it's not money itself but the love of money that is a root of all kinds of evil. Greed (covetousness) motivates people to acquire it dishonestly and use it selfishly. Material wealth becomes a virtual god. The righteous patriarch Job said, "If I have made gold my hope, or said to fine gold, 'You are my confidence'; if I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because my hand had gathered much . . . this also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, for I would have denied God who is above" (Job 31:24-28).

Riches carry risk. You can successfully manage that risk by obtaining wealth legitimately, putting it to godly use, and viewing it as the temporary tool that it is.

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**All the Churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

**Today's Sermon: Having a Piece of Peace**

Paul will be preaching today.

**Scripture Reading: James 4:1-12**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

Bulletins are archived on the website.

Notes for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes are available on the website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Arthur is teaching from Romans.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm November 9, on Zoom, Paul is teaching from James.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday November 8, Lesson 13, Day 2, 10am on Zoom.**
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing- January 31, 2023.**



**THANKSGIVING DINNER- SATURDAY!** Robin and Pat Guthrie from the **Kittanning church** will once again be traveling up here to serve us and friends and neighbors a home-cooked **Thanksgiving meal**. This will happen **on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**. The Gutheries will be on their own this year, so would appreciate help with dessert from some of us at Valley Cities.

**Mark Hatfield from Pittsburg**, who is the regional **MAGI box** coordinator, will be giving a **presentation about the work next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** during Bible class time (at 9:30) and as part of the worship service. He will also bring our 80 boxes when he comes.

**November Potluck:** It is our custom to have our November Potluck Meal on the Sunday following Thanksgiving Dinner on the years when the people from Kittanning serve us this meal. We will also be having a guest speaker that day, so even though it is the second Sunday instead of our traditional third Sunday, we will have the **fellowship meal NEXT WEEK on the 13<sup>th</sup>**.

## PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!** These people are in a war! Remember to also pray for the people in **Russia**, especially for the church.
- **Darlene and Jackie are both sick.** So far, they have tested negative for covid. Please pray that they recover soon and continue to test negative so Jackie can fly to OK on Tuesday.
- **Praise the Lord that Steve had a successful surgery on Monday** and suffered no ill effects from the procedure or the anesthesia.
- **Pray for the family of Jayden Dietrick**, 22, of Willowby, OH, who was killed in a car accident a week ago. And **pray that Dawn's four grandchildren have a safe trip** Monday when they travel with their father to attend Jayden's funeral.
- **Continue to pray for these people:**
  - **Mike Walls** (frontal lobe dementia), and his wife Carrie and the family. Mike is planning on heading back out to L.A. soon for more surgery.
  - **Pat Guthrie** (lung cancer)
  - **Henry Rounsville** will be starting radiation therapy soon. Also pray for Caroline.
  - **Dan Myers (lung cancer)** will have a CT scan soon to see if he has cancer in other parts of his body
  - **Jerry Lowe** (connection with a church in Las Vegas and continued good health)
  - **Zach Cowles** (overseas deployment with Army)
  - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, spread to brain) They are trying targeted radiation.
  - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** (liver cancer) He has now quit work.
  - **Steve Noble** (lung transplant) having problems with the transplant.
  - **Jim Sexton** (esophageal cancer) not out of the woods yet, but lymph system appears clear of cancer.

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.