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# God's Word on Prosperity

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### SOME EXTREMES WITH RICHES

Temptations & Dangers:

- A. Poverty and holiness are synonymous.
  - Money is evil.
  - Vow of poverty is righteousness.
- B. Wealth and holiness are synonymous.
  - Wealth is godliness.

### FOUR WARNINGS ASSOCIATED WITH GAIN

1. The love of money is the root of all evil.
2. Do not trust in uncertain riches.
3. Deceitfulness of riches choke God's Word.
4. Covetousness is idolatry.

### THE LOVE OF MONEY

I Timothy 6:5-10 (NKJV)

- Verse 6: Godliness with contentment = Great gain.
- Verse 8: Contentment
  - o Philippians 4:11
  - o Being satisfied with what one has.
  - o Complete in Christ / Happy regardless of circumstances.
- Verse 9: “*desire to be rich...*” (NKJV)
  - “*crave to be rich...*” (AMP)
  - “*long to be rich...*” (NLT)
  - “*those who crave the wealth of this world slip into spiritual snares...*” (TPT)
- Verse 10: “*The love of money is the root of all evil...*”
  - o Draws us away from faith.
  - o Pierces us with many sorrows.

Ezekiel 28:12-19 (NKJV)

Verse 16 (KJV): “*By the multitude of your merchandise...*”

I Timothy 6:17-19 (NKJV)

### **DON'T BE HAUGHTY (PRIDEFUL)**

Do not trust in uncertain riches.

The ANTIDOTE to pride and false security of riches:

- Do good.
- Be ready to give.
- Be willing to share.

### **DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES**

Mark 4:19

- Deceitfulness of riches chokes the Word of God.
  - o People put their trust in them.
  - o They look to them for security rather than God.
  - o They pursue finances rather than God and His Kingdom.
  - o "If I just had more.."

### **IDOATRY (COVETOUSNESS)**

COLOSSIANS 3:1-5 (NKJ)