

Riches in Christ

Key Texts: *2 Cor. 8:9; Eph. 1:18; 1 Cor. 4:8*

As believers, after we have given our life to Christ, we have a new beginning, a new life in Christ. Old things have passed away and behold all things are new.

We are now under new management. He is changing us from the inside out, aligning us with His perfect plan and will.

In Christ, our value is not determined by our valuables, nor by our net worth but by our network, our connection.

We are connected with Him. We are Christ's!

And because of these truths we need to change our worldview, we need to change our perspective in life.

Romans 12:2 – *Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think**.*

Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

According to the author of the book **Rich Dad Poor Dad**, *“As a human being, the single most powerful asset we all have is our mind. If it is trained well, it can create enormous wealth.”*

Albert Einstein famously said, *“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.”*

There are 2 kinds of mind set or perspective.

The mind that sets its ***perspective on the things of God*** and the mind the ***sets its perspective on the things of man.***

Matt. 16:23 (ESV) – *But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

Matt. 16:23 (CEV) - *Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Satan, get away from me! You're in my way because you think like everyone else and not like God.”*

We should not think like everyone else. We need to think like God. For that to happen, we need to get into His Word because His Word reveals His plan, His thoughts, His heart, His will in our life.

God’s Word is the revelation of who God is.

John 1:1,14 – *In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. And the word became flesh and dwelt among us...*

If we want to know how God thinks, if we want to experience the reality of Christ and the fulfilment of all His promises, we need to start in His Word.

The Bible is our instruction manual for life.

Joshua 1:8 – *Study this book of instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.*

Talking about “Rich Dad Poor Dad”, I discovered about the two kinds of dads in the Bible.

A. The Poor Dad – The Devil.

John 8:44 - *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires...*

B. The Rich Dad – God, our Father.

Eph. 1:3 – *Blessed be the God and Father..., who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,*

Matt. 7:11 – *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

Both dads have their own plans and intentions.

John 10:10 – *The thief (the poor dad, the devil) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I (the rich dad) have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

They both come, but the question is, who are we going to entertain?

What we sow in our heart and mind grows and manifests in our life.

Our identity is in Christ as believers, so we are encouraged to set our minds on things above, to think like God.

WE ARE RICH IN CHRIST!

2 Cor. 8:9 – *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

1 Cor. 4:8 – *You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us...*

Eph. 1:17-19 – *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation... the eyes of your*

understanding being enlightened; that you may know..., what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe...

The Story of the YATES POOL in 'IRAAN, West Texas'

The day Ira and Ann Yates purchased the land, they had received the oil and mineral rights. Yet, they had been living on relief just trying to make ends meet. They didn't know there was oil there even though they owned the land.

An amazing story that speaks so much of our **hidden riches** in Christ.

1 Cor. 4:8

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Remember that you are in Christ and everything that is Christ's is yours.