Good News: You Are Very Rich!

Ecclesiastes 5:19 GNT

If God gives us wealth and property and lets us enjoy them, we should be grateful and enjoy what we have worked for. It is a gift from God.

Bad News: You Are Very Rich!

Luke 18:22-25 NLT

When Jesus heard his answer, he said, "There is still one thing you haven't done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich.

When Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God! In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"

Luke 12:15 NLT

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

Chasing <u>riches</u> makes you spiritually <u>poor!</u>

1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant <u>nor to put their hope in wealth</u>, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, <u>who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment</u>. Command them to <u>do good</u>, to be <u>rich in good deeds</u>, and to be <u>generous</u> and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is <u>truly life</u>.

Three Statements:

Gratitude Statement: God has blessed me with more than I need!

Trust Statement: My riches can't be trusted, but God who richly provides can be!

Generosity Statement: I have more, therefore I'll do more and give more!