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Dear Friend,

God's Word is full of financial promises and His desire is for you to have an abundant life. As you read and declare God's Word over your finances, faith will begin to build in your heart for these promises to come to pass. You will receive the wisdom of God and have His Word working behind the scene on your behalf.

It seems the only place we need a definition of the word **rich** is among church people. However, when one discovers the Bible definition of **rich**, it becomes very evident, though most people think they know what it means to be rich, they don't have any idea of what it really means.

Are Christians supposed to be rich? Yes. Did Jesus provide this as part of what He did for us at Calvary? Yes. Is the Bible referring to financial wealth? Yes.

Let's look first at Proverbs 10:22, *"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it."* It is obvious in this verse the blessing of the Lord is the source of the wealth of the believer.

Now let's look at Psalm 73:12, *"Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increased in riches."* They made it themselves. Look at the difference where the wealth is coming from. One is from the world; the other is the blessing of the Lord, one has sorrow with it; the other does not.

There are two very different forms of economy in the earth. One is referred to as the world economy and came into the human family from two of the three sons of Noah.

Let's look at Genesis 9:1, *"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth."* That is exactly what the Lord God said to Adam in the beginning.

Two of Noah's sons, Ham and Japheth, did the same as Adam and departed from God's way of doing things. Out of them came the Babylonian system of commerce we know in the world today. That system is basically defined as an attempt to meet the needs of mankind without God. It tries to satisfy spiritual needs with religion, mental needs with scientific theories and physical needs with its own market-and-supply, dog-eat-dog, lie-cheat-and-steal way of doing things; then call it prosperity. That is Psalm 73:12, *"Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches."* They even have their own form of giving that is based on pride and self-recognition. Look at Proverbs 22:16, *"He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want."*

On the other hand, Noah's third son, Shem, followed God. Remember, he had the blessing by The Rainbow Covenant. Shem became the king of Jerusalem. His title was Melchizedek. He is the priest of the most High God in Genesis 14:18, who after the slaughter of the kings (verse 17) met Abram with bread and wine and received his tithe. He transferred the blessing of the Lord to Abram, who became

Abraham. The blessing then became known as the blessing of Abraham through a Covenant of Blood between God and him.

Remember we answered the question, “Does God want every believer rich?” with, Yes! This is one of the places where that answer comes from. Look at Galatians 3:8, *“And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, ‘In thee shall all nations be blessed’.”*

Now look at Galatians 3:13-14 and we will see God’s perfect will behind Jesus going to the Cross, *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”*

“But, Brother Leding, I thought the New Birth was the reason Jesus went to the Cross?” It was! Being born-again is part of the blessing. His bearing our sickness and diseases is a part of the The Blessing.

Let us look at 2 Corinthians 8:9, *“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”* This is referring to being rich in money, of course it also includes spiritual wealth and all other kinds of prosperity – spirit, soul and body. This verse is talking about abounding in this grace along with abounding in faith, utterance, knowledge, diligence and love for the ministry (verse 7).

All of this sets the stage for us to see and understand the Bible meaning of rich. The New Testament definition of a prosperous believer is in the next chapter referring to “this grace also”. 2 Corinthians 9:8-10, *“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)”*

Verse 9 leads us to Psalm 112, which also defines “Blessed is the man.” Let us look at it:

¹*Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.*

²*His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.*

³*Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.*

⁴*Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*

⁵*A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.*

⁶*Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.*

⁷*He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.*

⁸*His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.*

⁹*He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.*

¹⁰*The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.”*

This is a rich man in Verse 2 his family is also blessed and strong in the Commandments. This means they love and are for one another. In Verse 3 he has a house. It must be a nice house, because it is full of

wealth and riches. His wealth came from heaven's economy – The Blessings, God's power to get wealth, not from the Babylonian system of sorrow. In Verse 5 he is a giving man—not stingy. The Blessing provides through Jesus' wisdom to guide his affairs with discretion or good judgment. In Verse 6 this man knows his source. Verses 7 and 8 outline why he is so strong and immovable. Bad news from the Babylonian system just bounces off his armor. He is in the secret place. He is resting on the Word of his faith. In Verse 9 giving activates The Blessing which causes receiving. Abraham's faith activates Abraham's Blessing.

That is why Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. **You are not blessed because you are rich. You are rich because you are blessed.**

In verse 10 is where all the devil's persecution comes against God's people being wealthy. Don't let it move you. Their desire to destroy you is part of their sorrow, but their desire to persecute will melt away if you stay in the love walk, remain faithful and let the blessing work.

Don't ever be moved by bad news! Don't ever feel sorry for yourself. That is from the Babylonian World of darkness, and it will slow or stop The Blessing if allowed to enter in. (Mark 4:19)

Study these Scriptures. Meditate on them day and night. Watch this archived message, "What Is Rich?" on our website, www.tomleding.com. Be sure and feed your spirit continually until this is the way you see yourself. This is your life. God has given you the power to get wealth through the awesome price Jesus paid to get it to you.

If you have activated the New Birth part of The Blessing by receiving Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are by heaven's decree rich. You are The Blessed, so you are The Rich. It is waiting for your faith.

As you sow your Blessing Seed this month, lay your hands on it and declare, "I have the faith of Abraham. I activate The Blessing of Abraham in my life now! I am rich because I am blessed. It is only a matter of time until wealth and riches will fill my house according to Psalm 112:3."

Sue and I love you and pray for you every day. We are here for you, helping you build your faith to receive all the riches of the blessing.

Your Faithful Intercessor,



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