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## **Exchange #7**

Jesus endured our poverty  
so that we might have abundance



**To impact the world,  
you must believe that you  
have more than you need.**

# Jesus became poor so we could be rich

- “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” - **2 Corinthians 8:9**
- **...he was rich** - abounding in riches, wealthy.  
“If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.” – Psalm 50:12
- **...he became poor** - to become utterly poor, destitute, vulnerable  
“[Jesus]...emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant.” – Philippians 2:7
- **...so you might become rich** – to be fully enriched, rich towards God

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- There is a **spiritual richness** to those who belong to Christ

# Charles Spurgeon

“But remember, O Christian, that your wealth does not all lie in your possessions at the present moment; remember you are rich in promises. **May a man be never so poor as to the money that he has...** he can say without reservation, “I have no gold in my purse, but here is an eternal note—I know the signature—I can trust the firm—I am rich.”

**Jesus had everything  
He needed and more,  
but he gave it up so we could have  
everything we need and more.**

# Poverty is a curse

“All these curses will come upon you. They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the Lord your God and observe the commands and decrees he gave you. They will be a sign and a wonder to you and your descendants forever. Because you did not serve the Lord your God joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity, therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and dire poverty, you will serve the enemies the Lord sends against you.” - **Deuteronomy 28:45-48**



# Absolute Poverty is the curse we deserved

On the cross, Jesus was:

- Hungry.
- Thirsty.
- Naked.
- In dire poverty.

On the cross, absolute poverty was broken by Jesus!

## 2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace **abound** to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will **abound** in every good work.”

# Abundance

- Having enough for our own needs, and additional left over to give to the building of the Kingdom and to others in need.
- Abundance means that God gives us more than we need so we have to work with Him to decide what to do with it!
- Abundance requires us to hear from God, which makes us spiritually rich!

# Acts 20:35

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'”

# Randy Alcorn

“Abundance isn't God's provision for me to live in luxury. It's His provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with His resources not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build His kingdom in heaven.”

# Matthew 25:31-40

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

<sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup>“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

# Matthew 25:31-40

<sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

<sup>37</sup>"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

<sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

# Matthew 25:31-40

<sup>40</sup>“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



**Christ has given you more,  
so you can bless others.  
In this way you bless Him  
by becoming like Him.**



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