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- 2. What makes you feel rich?
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- 4. Why do Christians so easily fall into the trap of living for earthly riches and power just like non-Christians do? What is the remedy? After you answer, read what Jesus has to say on this subject in Mt. 6:31-34.
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