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# God's Word on Prosperity

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### **SOME EXTREMES WITH RICHES**

Temptations & Dangers:

A. Poverty and holiness are synonymous.

- Money is evil.
- Vow of poverty is righteousness.

B. Wealth and holiness are synonymous.

- Wealth is godliness.

### **FOUR WARNINGS ASSOCIATED WITH GAIN**

1. The love of money is the root of all evil.
2. Do not trust in uncertain riches.
3. Deceitfulness of riches choke God's Word.
4. Covetousness is idolatry.

### **THE LOVE OF MONEY**

I Timothy 6:5-10 (NKJV)

- Verse 6: Godliness with contentment = Great gain.
- Verse 8: Contentment
  - o Philippians 4:11
  - o Being satisfied with what one has.
  - o Complete in Christ / Happy regardless of circumstances.

- Verse 9: *“desire to be rich...”* (NKJV)
  - “crave to be rich...”* (AMP)
  - “long to be rich...”* (NLT)
  - “those who crave the wealth of this world slip into spiritual snares...”* (TPT)
- Verse 10: *“The love of money is the root of all evil...”*
  - Draws us away from faith.
  - Pierces us with many sorrows.

Ezekiel 28:12-19 (NKJV)

Verse 16 (KJV): *“By the multitude of your merchandise...”*

I Timothy 6:17-19 (NKJV)

### **DON'T BE HAUGHTY (PRIDEFUL)**

Do not trust in uncertain riches.

The ANTIDOTE to pride and false security of riches:

- Do good.
- Be ready to give.
- Be willing to share.

### **DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES**

Mark 4:19

- Deceitfulness of riches chokes the Word of God.
  - People put their trust in them.
  - They look to them for security rather than God.

- They pursue finances rather than God and His Kingdom.
- “If I just had more...”

## **IDOLATRY (COVETOUSNESS)**

COLOSSIANS 3:1-5 (NKJ)