

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

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<sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. <sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. —James 5:1-7 ESV

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My Obedience = God's Acceptance  
God's Acceptance = My Obedience

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Money is the workman's complication.

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James Applies the Gospel to Greed by...  
Confronting the Practice of  
Compulsive Hoarding

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<sup>19</sup>Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... <sup>24</sup>No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. —Matthew 6:19-21, 24 ESV

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James Applies the Gospel to Greed by...  
Condemning the Practice of  
Calloused Accumulation

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<sup>16</sup>Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. <sup>17</sup>For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.  
—Psalm 49:16-17 ESV

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<sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'"

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<sup>18</sup>"And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."  
—Luke 12:15-21 ESV

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"The gospel of prosperity and the gospel of poverty are equally dangerous."  
—Tullian Tchividjian

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James Applies the Gospel to Greed by...  
Challenging the Practice of  
Authentic Christian Ambition

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I am rich toward God when I recognize  
my earthly bank account does not matter  
if I have a zero balance with God.

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The worst delusion in life is the  
illusion of success without God.

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“A day is coming when banknotes will be  
as useless as rags and gold will be as  
worthless as the dust of the earth. A day is  
coming when thousands will care nothing  
for the things for which they once lived  
and will desire nothing so much as the  
things they once despised. The mansions  
and palaces will be forgotten in the desire  
for a house not made with hands.”


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“The favor of the rich and great will be  
remembered no more in the longing  
for the King of kings. The silks and  
satins and velvets and laces will be lost  
sight of in anxious need of the robe of  
Christ’s righteousness. All will be  
altered. All will be changed in the great  
day of the Lord’s return.” —J.C. Ryle

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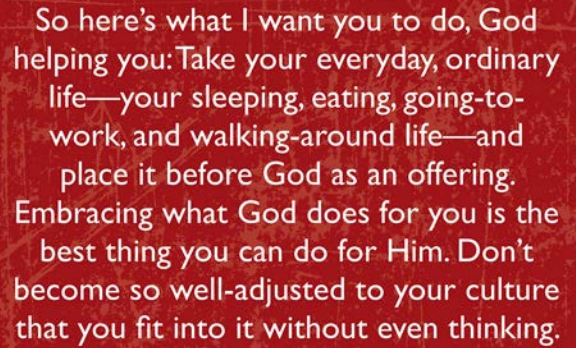
For you know the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, that though He  
was rich, yet for your sake He  
became poor, so that you by His  
poverty might become rich.  
—2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

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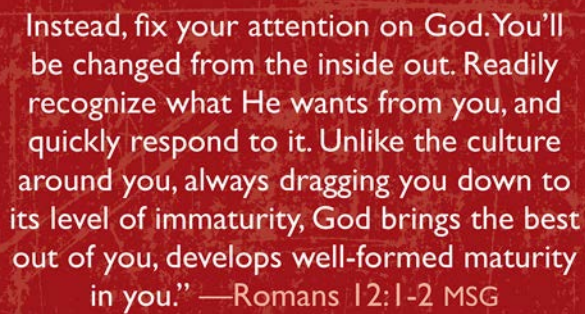
I am rich toward God when I am grateful for what God has given me and when I allow this attitude to impact how I live each day.

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So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.

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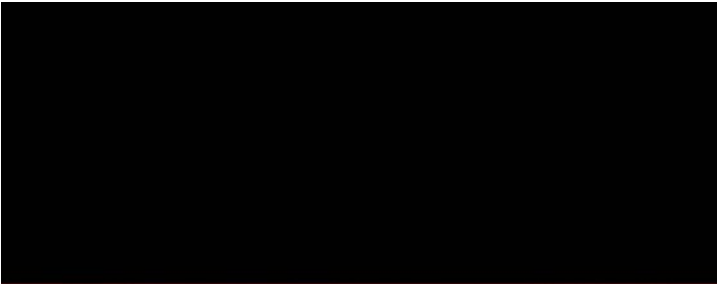
Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." —Romans 12:1-2 MSG

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Everything I have, I've been given.

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"God prospers you not to raise your standard of living, but your standard of giving." —Tullian Tchividjian

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I am rich toward God when I return to the Lord what I received from the Lord.

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<sup>9</sup>Honor the Lord with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your  
produce;<sup>10</sup>then your barns will be  
filled with plenty, and your vats  
will be bursting with wine.

—Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV

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I am rich toward God when I risk investing  
in eternity more than pursuing  
temporary market returns today.

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<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge  
them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes  
on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who  
richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

<sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good  
works, to be generous and ready to share,  
<sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a  
good foundation for the future, so that they  
may take hold of that which is truly life.

—I Timothy 6:17-19 ESV

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