



## How to Manage Wealth—Part 1

GLORIA COPELAND & PASTOR GEORGE PEARSONS

### DAY 1—"Rich" Is Not a Dirty Word

#### A. Proverbs 10:22—THE BLESSING of the Lord, It Makes Rich and He Adds No Sorrow With It

1. AMPC: "The blessing of the Lord—it makes (truly) rich, and He adds no sorrow with it [neither does toiling increase it]."
2. NIV-84: "The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and He adds no trouble to it."
3. Brenton: "The blessing of the Lord is upon the head of the righteous; it enriches him, and grief of heart shall not be added to it."
4. GNT: "It is the Lord's blessing that makes you wealthy."
5. Dare to say: "THE BLESSING of the Lord makes me truly rich."
6. The word *rich* is a BLESSING word
7. You have the wisdom of THE BLESSING to use wealth properly.

#### B. 2 Corinthians 8:9—*Rich* Is Not a Dirty Word—It Is a Bible Word

1. Verse 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."
2. Genesis 14:22-23: "And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoe latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich."
3. Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT-96): "Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you power to become rich, and he does it to fulfill the covenant he made with your ancestors."
  - a. To increase in goods
  - b. To have an abundance of outward possessions
  - c. To be richly supplied
4. Even the world knows better
  - a. *The Guide to Becoming Rich*
  - b. *Start Late, Finish Rich*
  - c. *Dare to Be Rich*
  - d. *Smart Women Finish Rich* (See Proverbs 31:10-31.)
5. The key to biblical wealth lies in how it is handled.
  - a. What are you doing with your prosperity?
  - b. You don't want to become self-dependent and not God-dependent. When negative situations arise, you won't know how to handle things. Be dependent on the Lord and learn to operate in THE BLESSING.





c. Money is not bad. It depends on who has it and what they do with it.

### C. Isaiah 32:7-8 (AMPC)—The Difference Between Godly Wealth and Worldly Wealth

1. Their differing character traits are clearly defined in Scripture.
  - a. Verse 7: "The instruments and methods of the fraudulent and greedy [for gain] are evil; he devises wicked devices to ruin the poor and the lowly with lying words, even when the plea of the needy is just and right."
  - b. Verse 8: "But the noble, openhearted, *and* liberal man devises noble things; and he stands for what is noble, openhearted, *and* generous."
2. Worldly wealth is about self.
3. Godly wealth is about serving God and others.
  - a. The tithe keeps you in a place of protection and BLESSING.
  - b. The mindset and lifestyle of tithing will keep you on the right track, and you won't get off into letting money control you or becoming greedy for gain. The tithe keeps you in a safe place.
  - c. There's no limit to Bible prosperity.
4. The world's motivation for accumulation is acquisition.
5. The believer's motivation for accumulation is distribution.
6. The worldly rich use people to get things.
7. The godly rich use things to love people.

**"Whether money is good or bad depends on who has the money.**

**When the righteous have money, they do good things with it.**

**When the wicked have money, they do bad things with it."**

—Gloria Copeland, *True Prosperity*

**"Faith is not territorial. It's everywhere available  
because the Bible is everywhere available."**

—Gloria Copeland

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### DAY 2—Paul's Instructions to the Rich

#### **Foundation Scripture:**

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

#### A. 1 Timothy 6:17-18—Paul's Instructions to the Rich

1. Don't be high-minded.
2. Trust in the living God.
3. Do good.
4. Be rich in good works.
5. Be ready to distribute and willing to communicate.

#### B. Acts 24:25—Paul Was a Rich Man

1. He did not exclude rich people from the Church.
2. He did not tell them they couldn't be a Christian because they were rich.
3. Verses 25-26 (NIV-84): "As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, 'That's enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.' At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him."
  - a. No one expects a bribe from a poor man.
  - b. Verse 26: "He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him."
4. Philemon 18 (AMPC): "And if he has done you any wrong in any way or owes anything [to you], charge that to my account."
  - a. NLT: "Charge it to me."
  - b. Weymouth: "Debit me with the amount."
5. Philippians 4:18 AMPC: "I have everything I need *and* am amply supplied."
  - a. KJV: "I have all, and abound."
  - b. MSG: "I have it all—and keep getting more!"

#### C. 1 Timothy 6:9-10—Paul Understood the Pitfalls of Wealth

1. AMPC: "But those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish (useless, godless) and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction and miserable perishing. For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that





some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute [mental] pangs.”

2. MSG: “But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.”
3. Matthew 19:23-24 (AMPC): “And Jesus said to His disciples, Truly I say to you, it will be difficult for a rich man to get into the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to go into the kingdom of heaven.”
4. Mark 4:19: “And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.”
  - a. AMPC: “Then the cares and anxieties of the world and distractions of the age, and the pleasure and delight and false glamour and deceitfulness of riches, and the craving and passionate desire for other things creep in and choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless.”
  - b. NLT: “But all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.”
  - c. “Tithing is a great protection. If you can't talk yourself into tithing, you're not ready for wealth. But if you'll believe the Word and receive your portion, give God His portion, go on with your portion, then you're safe to increase. It's safe to increase you because you know how to handle money.” —Gloria Copeland
5. 1 Timothy 6:17: “Charge them that are rich in this world.”
  - a. *Charge* (GK) = Order them, command them, teach them
  - b. MSG: “Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money.”
  - c. Paul was not intimidated by rich people.
  - d. He was upfront and in their face.

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### DAY 3—Don't Be High Minded

#### Foundation Scripture:

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

#### A. 1 Timothy 6:17—Don't Be High Minded

1. *High-minded* (GK) = arrogant, haughty and prideful
2. *Arrogant* (Merriam-Webster) = disposed to exaggerate one's own worth or importance by an overbearing manner
3. AMPC: "Charge them not to be proud *and* arrogant *and* contemptuous of others."
  - a. A hoarder is someone who won't open their pocketbook to God or anybody else. There's no blessing there. No sowing equals no crop.
  - b. Give God the first and the best—tithe, plus give offerings and expect an abundant harvest.
4. MSG: "Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money."
5. Paul realized that one of the pitfalls of having wealth was the temptation to see one's self as being superior to others.
  - a. True prosperity walks in humility.
  - b. Humility is not putting yourself down.
  - c. Humility is setting yourself aside to meet the needs of others.

#### B. Humility vs. Pride

1. Psalm 73:6-9 (NLT): "They wear pride like a jeweled necklace and clothe themselves with cruelty. These fat cats have everything their hearts could ever wish for! They scoff and speak only evil; in their pride they seek to crush others. They boast against the very heavens, and their words strut throughout the earth."
2. Proverbs 18:23 (MSG): "The poor speak in soft supplications; the rich bark out answers."
  - a. NLT: "The poor plead for mercy; the rich answer with insults."
  - b. NIV-84: "A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly."
  - c. The wealthier you become, the kinder toward others you should be.
3. Proverbs 28:11 (MSG): "The rich think they know it all, but the poor can see right through them."
4. Hosea 13:6 (NLT): "But when you had eaten and were satisfied, you became proud and forgot me."





5. Ezekiel 28:4-5 (NLT): "With your wisdom and understanding you have amassed great wealth—gold and silver for your treasuries. Yes, your wisdom has made you very rich, and your riches have made you very proud."
6. Revelation 3:17 (MSG): "You brag, 'I'm rich, I've got it made, I need nothing from anyone,' oblivious that in fact you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless."
7. Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NLT): "This is what the Lord says: 'Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!'"

### C. Proverbs 22:4 (NLT)—Humility Leads to Wealth

1. Verse 4: "True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life."
2. AMPC: "The reward of humility and the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life."
3. Matthew 5:5 (GNT): "Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!"

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### DAY 4—Trust in the Living God (Part I)

**Now comes a new challenge—how to handle that wealth,  
and not let it handle you!**

—Gloria Copeland

#### **Foundation Scripture:**

“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

#### A. 1 Timothy 6:17—Don't Trust in Wealth

1. NIV: “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”
2. NLT: “Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.”
3. MSG: “Tell those rich in this world’s wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage.”
  - a. Psalm 115:14: “The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.”
  - b. Don’t stop tithing and giving when increase happens.
  - c. Proverbs 3:9-10: “Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”
4. Paul understood that the rich were tempted to replace their trust in God with their trust in wealth.
  - a. You cannot make decisions based on money. If you make decisions based on money, you’ll be wrong 99% of the time.
  - b. You have to base your decisions on the anointing and on what the Spirit of God is leading you to do. When you do that, the money will be there.
5. His assignment was to lead the rich away from their trust in money and redirect their trust toward God.

#### B. Mark 10:17-23 (NIV)—The Rich Young Ruler



1. Verses 17-18: "As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good—except God alone.'"
2. Verses 19-20: "'You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.' 'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.'"
3. Verse 21: "Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'"
  - a. Jesus was also looking for Judas' replacement.
  - b. Jesus was calling him into the ministry as an apostle.
4. Verse 22 "At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth."
5. "Jesus was telling him to sell and give to the poor. But why did He tell him that and we don't have any record of anything of Him saying that any other time? Because that was his problem. He was keeping the commandments. He was doing what was good. But he had this one problem. He was trying to set him free so that he could trust in Him. Trusting in riches is the danger of being caught up in the world's system. This world's system can only go so far. It is not the answer to every need. Thank God I am not dependent upon the world's system!" —Gloria Copeland, *The Kingdom of God—Days of Heaven on Earth*

### C. Who Do You Trust?

1. Proverbs 11:28 (NLT): "Trust in your money and down you go! But the godly flourish like leaves in spring."
2. Psalm 52:7-8 (NLT): "'Look what happens to mighty warriors who do not trust in God. They trust their wealth instead and grow more and more bold in their wickedness.' But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God. I will always trust in God's unfailing love."
3. Psalm 62:10 (NIV-84): "Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them."
4. Jeremiah 17:5-6 (NIV-84): "This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives."
5. Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV-84): "But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."







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### DAY 5—Trust in the Living God (Part 2)

**Faith sleeps! Faith sleeps at night!**

—Gloria Copeland

#### **Foundation Scripture:**

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#### A. 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)—Their Trust Should Be in God

1. Paul understood that the source of trust can shift once money enters the picture.
2. Once trust has shifted, the next step is to forget God.
3. No matter where you are financially, you must switch over from a fear mentality to saying, “I trust God.”
4. Proverbs 11:24-25 (NKJV): “There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.”
  - a. Don’t be a hoarder. Don’t withhold. Be a liberal giver.
  - b. Laying awake at night, thinking about the bills, how you are going to pay for that, and how is this going to happen? —that’s money handling *you*!
5. Hosea 13:6 (NIV): “When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me.”
6. Once the rich forget God, it is downhill from there.
7. Deuteronomy 8:10-11: “When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day.”
8. You have a giving aperture, like the opening in a camera lens that light passes through to enter inside. The same opening of your heart that you give from is the same opening you receive from.
9. If you’re too tight to tithe, you’re too tight to let The BLESSING in. If you’re open to tithing and sowing, there are no limits.—Gloria Copeland

#### B. Make Sure You Are Depending on God

“Again, please note this scripture (1 Timothy 6:17) doesn’t say to charge them that are rich in this world to get rid of everything they have, because God doesn’t like people who have things. It doesn’t tell us to save one old shiny suit and move off into a cabin in the hills and be humble.



If you do that, you simply take yourself out of any position to bless anyone else in the rest of the world. That's the most selfish thing that a Christian could do.

"No, these verses simply said the rich shouldn't trust in their riches, but in God. That's an important point. It's something you'll have to deal with where your own mind and flesh are concerned, and the more you prosper, the more you'll have to deal with it.

"You'll have to judge yourself every day of your life on your own inner attitude and faith to make sure you're depending on God and not on what you have in the bank. But don't let that scare you. Just make a sober determination that you'll do it."

—Kenneth Copeland, *Blessed to Be a Blessing*

### C. Keep Putting God First

"Prosperity is the result of doing God's ways.

"Some pass the poverty test, but fail the prosperity test. You get your needs met and receive great abundance. But, your heart will begin to grow cold if you don't keep God's Word first place in your life. All of a sudden, you are taken with the things that have been added to you. They could be things like cars, planes, houses, land—whatever it is that you like.

"You have to walk circumspectly to walk in prosperity. You have to keep putting God first.

"When all your needs are met, remember where you got it. Remember that it was God that gave you the power to get wealth. One thing about wealth—it can come quickly and it can go quickly.

—Gloria Copeland, *The Kingdom of God—Days of Heaven on Earth*

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