

“The True Riches”

Luke 16:9-12

Introduction

- I. There are such things as “false riches” and “true riches” (Rev. 2:9; Luke 16:11).
- II. The “riches” of this world can never compare with the “riches” of God.

Discussion

- I. Often times, people place value on the wrong things.
 - A. A child cares more for a toy than for real estate.
 - B. Use the example of the young fisherman.
 - C. The “soul” is always of greater value than the world (Matt. 16:26).
 - D. There are those that are physically poor, but “rich” in the eyes of God (Rev. 3:14-19).
- II. There are “unsearchable” riches that are available to every person.
 - A. Paul proclaimed “the unsearchable riches of Christ” (Eph. 3:8).
 - B. Christ became “poor” so that we can be “rich” (2 Cor. 8:9).
 - C. “True riches” may not be bought with literal money (Isa. 55:1-2).
- III. We should care about gaining “the true riches”.
 - A. The truth (Prov. 23:23; John 8:32; 1 Pet. 1:22; John 17:17).
 - B. Faith (Rom. 10:17; 2 Thess. 1:3).
 - C. An obedient spirit (Phil. 2:12; Heb. 5:8-9).
 - D. Charity/agape love (1 Cor. 13).
 - E. A good name (Prov. 22:1).
 - F. True friends (Prov. 18:24).
 - G. Hope (Rom. 8:23-25).
 - H. A good conscience (Acts 24:16; 1 Tim. 1:5).
 - I. Self control (1 Cor. 9:27; Prov. 16:32).
- IV. To obtain “the true riches”, there is a process.
 - A. Aspiration (Matt. 5:6).
 - B. Determination (Dan. 1:8; Acts 11:23).
 - C. Concentration (Phil. 3:13-14).
 - D. Perseverance (Eph. 6:17-20; Heb. 6:12-15).

Conclusion

- I. Are we wasting our time for riches that are of little value?
- II. Are we doing what we can to obtain “the true riches”?