

THE RICHEST MAN ON EARTH

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I'm told that Bill Gates has an estimated worth of fifty-four billion dollars!

But the richest people on earth are Christians, and the poorest are those on the outside of Christ. One cannot buy his way into heaven.

The Bible says, "Riches do not profit in the day of wrath" (Proverbs 11:4).

On the last day, the Lord will not take cash, check or credit. Those who are materially wealthy can take nothing with them. I've never seen a hearse pulling a U-Haul. How much will the richest man on earth leave

behind when he dies? All of it! "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Timothy 6:7).

Those who are truly rich are those who are in Christ; for God has blessed these with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3). The greatest of these riches found in Christ is salvation (2 Timothy 2:10).

If you want these riches, you must be where they are – in Christ. Galatians 3:26-27 tells us how to get in Christ. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Verse 27). 

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

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- 60 Second daily Radio Spot, "Moment of Truth." WGNS 100.5 FM, 101.9 FM, 1450 AM
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Children's Class, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 5:30 pm
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 3:30 pm, Prayer Service, 6 pm



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." – Acts 17:11

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WINNING THE RACE

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From the marathon to the mini-walk; from the road race to the rat race, we are inundated with races in our society. With so many races in sight, let's not forget the most important race of all. Indeed, it is the race of life – eternal Life! Here's how to be a victor...

Get Ready. "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Luke 12:40 - NKJV). We must get ready, prepare for the coming of the Lord. This is done by hearing the Gospel (Romans 10:17), believing Jesus to be the Son of God (John 8:24), repenting of sins (Acts 2:38), confessing faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27) for the remission of our sins (Acts 22:16). The urgency of the need to get ready is seen in the fact that we do not know when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven. "For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2 - NKJV).

Get Set. "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2 - NKJV). As Christians, we are new creatures in

Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). As such, we must be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). This involves putting off the old man with his sinful deeds, and putting on the new man of righteousness (Colossians 3:5-11). Things such as lying, covetousness, evil desire, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy language are characteristics of the old man, not the new. Our heavenly pursuit should be evident over our pursuit for the things of this world. We should seek to lay up treasures in heaven, not on the earth (Matthew 6:19-21).

Go. "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15 - NKJV). Someone once said "You can't go to heaven alone." This statement shouldn't be taken too far, but the point it seeks to make is valid - we should try to teach others the truth so that they might obey and go to heaven along with us. It takes courage to teach the Gospel to others. We should keep in mind the words of the psalmist "I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only" (Psalm 71:16 - NKJV). 

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MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL?

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“Money is the root of all evil” is thought by many to be a quote from scripture. It is actually a misunderstanding of the first part of 1 Timothy 6:10.

First, the passage says “The love of money...” So money isn’t the root here, it’s the LOVE of money. In the context, Paul is dealing with an inordinate desire for money. “But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition” (1 Timothy 6:9 - NKJV).

Think for a moment of the many troubles men get drowned in because of their love for money. They often gamble and by such they incur great debts and often lose their homes, etc. Out of remorse, they go into a deep depression and often turn to alcohol. Many begin to extort and steal in order to pay their debts, further aggravating their situation. The love of money has led people to steal, kill, commit suicide, and the list goes on.

God expects us to work an honest job in order to (1) Supply for ourselves and our family the necessities of life (2 Thessalonians

3:10; 1 Timothy 5:8); (2) Have something to give those in need (Ephesians 4:28); (3) Have something to give God on Sundays (1 Corinthians 16:1-3). But another symptom of the love of money can also be expressed in overworking, which leads to the neglect of spouses and children. “Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!” (Proverbs 23:4 - NKJV).

Second, the love of money is not the root of all evil, but rather the root of “all kinds” of evil. Many modern translations bear this out by supplying the words “kinds of” (See the NKJV, ESV, ASV, etc.). I’m not certain that this is a literal translation, but it certainly bears out the proper meaning. There are many evils that do not have their root in the love of money. I doubt Adam and Eve’s first sin was financially motivated.

While there is a lot of misunderstanding, let’s not forget the strong warning contained in 1 Timothy 6:10. Remember, “Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death” (Proverbs 11:4 - NKJV). 🔍

ARE YOU SPEECHLESS?

There are many aspects of our lives as Christians in which we should be anything but speechless. We should teach others, pray, sing, edify and encourage, etc. But when it comes to gossip and tale bearing, we should be speechless. “A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter” (Proverbs 11:13). Gossip and slander does the opposite of building up, it tears down! (See also Proverbs 14:23; 16:28; 26:20) - MP



SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

God Is Not...

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Tony Jenkins
- Bible Reading by.....Ben Green
Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table:
Lead.....Brad Todd
Serve.....Frank Anderson
Serve.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord’s Table.....Brad Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!