Are You Rich? (Part 2)

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INTRODUCTION

- If you possess the peace of God, you are a wealthier person than Warren Buffett and Richard Branson and Michael Bloomberg and Bill Gates and Martin Zuckerberg.
- The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field.
- The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. And upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

1 The Incredibly Great Value of the Kingdom

- Our English word wealth comes from an old English word which means well-being, and so wealth is then the condition of well-being.
- If your soul experiences well being, you have a hope that extends beyond the grave to an eternity of bliss in the presence of God, then how wealthy are you.
- Let us not fall victim to underestimating the value of spiritual investment.
- Whatever follows the word blessed in Scripture, you need to pay attention to. Because whatever follows is something of tremendous value that you need.
- Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

2 Our Problem Is Perception

Luke 15:31; Philippians 4:7

- But you know what our problem is. Our problem is perception.
- It's hard to appreciate wealth when it's just been laid in your lap.
- You don't inherit salvation from your parents. You become saved when you repent of your sin and confess the name of Jesus and are baptized into Christ.
- My child, you have always been with me. And all that is mine is yours.
- Do we perceive that? Do we appreciate what we have in Christ?
- If you were fortunate enough to grow up among the Lord's people, be thankful.

3 Seek First the Kingdom of God

Matthew 6:33; Matthew 6:34

- If we're positioned in and thriving under the reign of God, that is life's most pressing concern.
- Our Heavenly Father promises to take care of us if we will seek the kingdom first.
- It is more important than your leisure, your recreation, your entertainment.
- Seek the kingdom first. Don't put God on the back burner for your whims. Or your affluence will destroy you.

- Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Take therefore no thought of the morrow.
- Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. And the things that most people worry about, God will take care of them and take care of you.

THE CHALLENGE

You need to determine as a result of these parables, as a result of this instruction, I am going to seek the kingdom first and foremost.

MY NOTES