

“Pour Into Other Generations”

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Recently I heard a story about a woman who received Jesus as her Lord and Savior when she was a teenage girl and then this dear one served our Lord for over 80 years. During these decades she evangelized to thousands of people through song, saw many saved, and in the process saw her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren become Believers in Jesus the Christ and serve him in ministry.

Several things intrigued me about her story. First of all, the man telling the story was her great-grandson. He was not just telling what he had heard about her, he shared about his own relationship with her because she went to heaven at the age of 104—talk about a ripe old age! He was actually an adult when she went to her reward.

Secondly, despite the heartaches that occurred in her lifetime she kept the faith and never lost hope that what the Lord promised her would come to pass.

Thirdly, even as an old woman, she poured into generations decades younger than her. She did not give up on

future generations. This great-grandson told us, in detail, about things she said to him and how God used her—as an old woman—to impact his life.

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[a] 2 Tim.
4:2

Another thing to keep in mind. The testimony of this lady was tied to the testimony of her great-grandson. Had she not responded to the Lord as she did throughout the decades, she may not have had such an influence on her great-grandson and others in her old age.

Regardless of the age we are, we can, and do, affect people around us of all ages. Scripture tells to be ready in season and out of season^[a]. We are here to pour what God has put in us out to those we come in contact with regardless of their age. The hope we have, as Believers, is relevant to people of all ages and generations.

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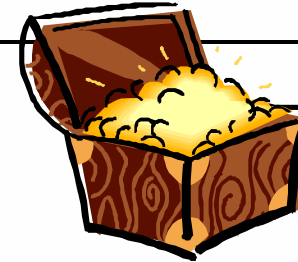
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“Riches Of The Glory” Part 2 (Teaching Sketch)

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)



This message is a bit unusual as it is a continuation of last week's message “Riches Of The Glory.” To understand this message to its fullest you may want to re-view or get last week's message.

Many people, believers in Jesus Christ and unbelievers alike, share the same view of riches and what constitutes riches.^[1] Is it not interesting that those in the world's system (mammon) and those in God's system (blessing) would have little variance in their understanding of it? Please do not misunderstand what I am saying here. I do not think riches is only money. I do think it is unfortunate Believers often believe and say true riches has nothing to do with money or things. As a result it is many times voiced in Christian circles that “true riches” is confined only to the spiritual and heaven. It is true that “true riches” comes from God but

God does not limit the fullness of his blessing by excluding money and things! Sadly this has been done by many Believers in

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Eph. 1:18
The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

[2]
Matt.
6:19-20

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Christ. These Believers have derived a special feeling of holiness by believing in this manner.

God Bestows

Having sought Christ first our accounts are in heaven where we are to lay up our treasures, then God bestows. It is only in heaven where moth and rust does not corrupt.^[2] It is interesting to note when Jesus was speaking there he said “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth....” Why would he say that? “True riches” are bestowed by God, not earned in the mammon system of the world! How do we lay up these treasures? We do it by being faithful in following the command of our Lord, going into the highways and hedges with the “Good News,” “The Gospel,” and with the seed of our income

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit ^[a]of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the

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Or a spirit

working of his mighty strength, ²⁰which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.



Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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from our labor. This seed takes the form of tithes, first fruits, seed planting, alms and the like.

Eyes Of Understanding

Many say, "I can't see that. When I let go of the money it is gone for good!" The important word here is "*see*." They cannot see this with their eyes first, therefore, they do not believe it. That is "mammon's" way, the world's way. The world's way is to rely only on the five physical senses. The world's method robs people continually as long as they are blind to God's way to fullness.

God's fullness requires that we have the "*eyes of our understanding*" opened. You see our physical eyes are very limited, that is why people invented microscope, telescopes, and eyeglasses. The physical has great limitations but the spirit has ability far beyond anything most people can even begin to imagine.

Accessing Riches

You see, to access *true riches* a person must learn how to be enlightened by way of the scriptures and the Holy Spirit. Why? Because without this renewed mind reaching be-

[3] Strong's Greek Hebrew Dictionary

[4] ¹⁸The eyes of your **understanding** being **enlightened**; that ye may know what is the **hope** of his **calling**, and what the **riches** of the glory of his **inheritance** in the saints, (Eph 1:18 KJV)

yond earthly or natural understanding we can never come to the knowledge of how to access our heavenly account. You see, when God is your true employer he matches your heavenly deposits 30, 60 and 100 fold! These are returns the world's system can only dream of achieving. The Believer achieves 30, 60 and 100 fold by faith, not effort. It is bestowed by God, himself!

The Hope Of His Call

This is then the hope of God's call on us, the hope we have through Christ Jesus. Why through Christ Jesus? Because we have inherited it from Christ, himself! God never meant for people to be holy by being in poverty. You see, the Believer is righteous in Christ Jesus, not in anything they do with or without money, be it poverty or riches!

God Bestows

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riches <G4149> ploutos—*wealth* (as fullness), i.e. (lit.) *money*, *possessions*, or (fig.) *abundance*, *riches*, (special) valuable *bestowment* :- riches ^[3]