

Can The Rich Be Saved.

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Genesis 13:2;

And Abram was very rich in cattle, silver, and in gold.

1-Hebrew reads, exceeding rich.

2-Josephus says;

"That Abram acquired much of his property by teaching the Egyptians arts and sciences. Josephus mentions arithmetic and astronomy.

Ruth 2:1;

And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

1-A man of great property.

2-Supposed, by some, to have been one of the Judges in Israel.

Luke 18;25;

For it is easier for a camel to go a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:23; Matthew 19;23.

And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God.

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1-Is it a grievous sin to be wealthy?

1-Some seem to believe that the rich as such are bad men, that they are lost and without hope.

2-Abraham was a rich man:

James 2:21-23;

1-Abraham was justified.

2-Abraham believed God.

3-It was accounted unto him for righteousness

4-Abraham was called the friend of God.

3-The Young Ruler; Mark 10;17;

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life.

1-Do not commit adultery.

2-Do not kill.

3-Do not steal.

4-Do not bear false witness.

5-Defraud not.

6-Honour thy father and thy mother, all these have I observed from my youth up.

2-One thing yet thou lackest:

Go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Mark 10:22;

And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions

1-This man-Ruler, possessed many things.

2-He lacked one thing:

3-Christ's demand:

1-Go sell what you have, part with your wealth, bestow it upon the poor.

2-It was under this trial that the Ruler completely failed.

1-The saying was too hard.

2-The test was too severe.

3-The world was too strong.

4-; 1-John 2:15; Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is

not in him.

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4-Contrast the teaching of Christ and the teaching of Paul to Timothy.

1-Tim.6:17;18:19-

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. 18-That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute willing to communicate;19-Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

1-The doctrine is clear that wealth spent for God and His church is repaid with interest, and becomes an abiding treasure.

5-The teaching of Christ in Mark 10:24;

And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God.

6-Not a few wealthy men are mentioned in the Bible; Men of God.

1-These men were faithful and obedient to the commandments of God.

2-The blessing of God rested upon them; not because they were wealthy, but because they loved and obeyed God.

3-They trusted in God and not in their ~~rich~~ riches.

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