



Series: True Riches

Sermon: Part 2: Pride and Money

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“I will ascend to the Heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” (Isaiah 14:13-14)

“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ... “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (Genesis 3:1, 5)

The root to all sin is _____ because our pride causes us to exalt ourselves above God.

Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel. So David said to Joab and the commanders of the troops, “Go and count the Israelites from Beersheba to Dan. Then report back to me so that I may know how many there are.” But Joab replied, “May the Lord multiply His troops a hundred times over. My lord the king, are they not all my lord’s subjects? Why does my lord want to do this? Why should he bring guilt on Israel?” (1 Chronicles 21:1-3)

Pride _____ us and causes us to do whatever we are set on doing even if it is going to lead to pain and destruction for us and others.

The king’s word, however, overruled Joab; so Joab left and went throughout Israel and then came back to Jerusalem. Joab reported the number of the fighting men to David: In all Israel there were one million one hundred thousand men who could handle a sword, including four hundred and seventy thousand in Judah. (1 Chronicles 21:4-5)

The Earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it... (Psalm 24:1)

A steward: Someone who an owner entrusts with the management of their possessions

If we think that we own, then we will be prideful. If we know that God is the One who actually owns and what we have is a gift to be managed on His behalf, well that brings humility and gratitude.

This command [for the census] was also evil in the sight of God; so He punished Israel. “I have sinned greatly by doing this. Now, I beg You, take away the guilt of Your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.” (1 Chronicles 21:7-8)



When we realize all that God has done for us, our bottom line in life changes from accumulating stuff and money solely for our comfort and benefit to now _____ for God's provision and grace, resulting in _____ with all that has been given to us.

Can we look at all that we have in light of what Jesus has done for us and say that we are rich?

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

It is when we surrender all of our heart to Him that our financial decisions and how we leverage our stuff flows from that surrender.

_____ : Giving something that actually costs the giver (such as giving of self, time, and money)

Scriptures referenced in sermon message: 1 Chronicles 22:1-4, 1 Chronicles 22:8-10, 1 Chronicles 29:10-14, 1 Chronicles 29:16-17)

Bottom Line: *When we realize all that God has done for us, our bottom line in life changes from accumulating stuff and money solely for our comfort and benefit to now gratitude for God's provision and grace, resulting in generosity with all that has been given to us.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. How have you seen pride play a role with the money and stuff that you have?*
- 2. How does knowing all we have is a gift from God and that it all belongs to Him, help us to have gratitude with what we have?*
- 3. How may your gratitude to what God has done and provided for you lead you to being more generous with what you have? This includes generosity with your finances, your time, your possessions, and your talents. What would that generosity look like practically?*

Songs used in service: Praise You Anywhere (Brandon Lake), La Batalla (Phil Wickham & Christine D'Clario), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker), I Surrender All [All I Am] (Caleb + Kelsey), Behold The Lamb (Passion & Kristian Stanfill)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?