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Genesis 13:2-4, “*2And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. 3And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; 4Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.*”

Luke 18:23-25, “*23And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. 24And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*”

The term “very rich” is only used twice in the Bible. It’s said of Abram, who was later named Abraham. It is also said of a young man who came to Jesus asking how to inherit eternal life. Jesus told him what to do and the young man said he had done these things. Jesus then told him to sell what he had and give to the poor.

We are told in Matthew 19:22, “*But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.*” Jesus did not tell every wealthy person to sell their possessions. This young man was no doubt told this because his riches were standing between him and the LORD.

Note how both Abram and this young man each reacted to the LORD after we are told they were very rich. Abram made an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. The young man went away sorrowful. Both were very rich. Each reacted totally differently.

Compared to so much of the world, we are truly rich. We are even very rich. We have lands, houses, cars, cell phones, clean food and water in abundance. Most have the money to do most anything we want such as vacations or buy even more luxuries. The LORD doesn’t mind us having these. We are told in I Timothy 6:17, “*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.*”

We have been given richly all things to enjoy, but before Paul wrote those words, he warned not to be highminded nor trust in uncertain riches. The last part of Psalm 62:10 says, “. . . *if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.*”

People think that riches will make them happy. It’s interesting to note there is only one emotion shown by the very rich young man to whom Jesus was talking. We are told he went away sorrowful.

Let’s use the abundance of material possessions the LORD has richly blessed us with to serve and honor Him. Then true, eternal happiness will come after this life.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.**

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.



May 2 — Kelcie Pedigo

May 16 — Jerry & Shari Edwards

May 20 — David Worth May 20 — Taylor Quigley

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Colossians 3:1, *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.”*

In a related thought to the previous article, people spend so much effort seeking wealth. They go into careers simply for money, often turning their hearts from the LORD. Many pursue paths that are not honest in the pursuit of wealth. Even if all our actions are honorable, we should not be in pursuit of wealth here.

Paul wrote in the above verse that if we are risen with Christ, we are to seek those things which are above. If you have obeyed the LORD in the likeness of his death by baptism, then you are risen with Christ. When we are risen with Him, we are to seek things above.

Paul writes in the next verse, *“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”* Your affection is where your heart is
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Sunday, April 30, 2017

Classes	18	Colossians 2:8-15
Preaching	23	Galatians 5:22-23 (Fruit of the Spirit)
Contribution	\$656.62	
Evening	20	Revelation 7:1-17

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Classes	18	Hosea 1:1-11
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Visitors— Apr 30 (PM) Margaret Sandage (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Who shall lead the saved to living fountains of water?

Last Week's Answer— Thunder (Revelation 6:1)

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and focused on the things you love. Jesus addressed this in Matthew 6:21, *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”* He repeats the exact same words in Luke 12:34.

Where are your treasures and therefore your heart? Lay up and seek the treasures above. That is where your heart will be.

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)