

# Munfordville Church of Christ

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Genesis 13:2, “*And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.*”

Luke 18:23, “*And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.*”

The term “very rich” is only used twice in the Bible. Once is to describe Abram, who later was named Abraham. The other is the young ruler who came to Jesus. Note the two differences in these men and how they both behaved toward the LORD after we are told that each man was very rich.

Only two verses later we are told Abram was very rich. We are told he went to Bethel and “there Abram called on the name of the LORD.”

In the account of the rich young man in Matthew 19:22, we are told that “he went away sorrowful.” Both of these men were very rich. One turned and called upon the LORD. The other went away from the LORD sorrowful.

The young man had been told to sell what he had and give to the

poor. Jesus no doubt told him this because his riches were keeping him from the kingdom of God. Abram was close to the LORD regardless of his riches.

The young man was not an evil man. He asked Jesus in Matthew 19:16, “*Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?*” He wanted to have eternal life. Jesus told him various commandments of the law to keep, and the young man said he had done so since his youth. Jesus then told him in Matthew 19:21, “. . . *If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me.*”

Why would Jesus ask this young man to do such? There had been many rich people who were not asked to rid themselves of riches. Abram kept all his wealth and increased so much the land could not hold his substance and Lot’s together. We see Abram still served the LORD regardless of his wealth. The young man had something keeping him from the LORD. It was his wealth. Therefore Jesus asked him to get rid of it and to come follow him.

Note that Jesus was not taking true wealth from this young man. He told the young man that by getting rid of his wealth here, he would have treasure in Heaven. Matthew 19:21, “*Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me.*”

For some people, they can have wealth here and still serve and obey the LORD. For others, they will need to rid themselves of things that are keeping them from following the LORD. It’s not the wealth that is wrong. It’s how we use it.

Jesus did warn in Matthew 19:24, “*And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*” *continued on next page...*

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve**

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, Erin Davis, Leon Seaton, and Frances Kidd.

—Congratulations to **Allen Riffle** who graduated from the police academy in Richmond, Kentucky this past Friday. Allen is on the Glasgow City police force.

—**Ruby Edwards** will be leading an on-line ladies Bible class this Fall. It will be conducted by using Facebook Messenger. With Facebook Messenger, there can be up to 50 people in a conference call and all can participate. It will be audio only, no video.

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We truly are wealthy where and when we live. We have an abundance of clean food and water, good houses, and automobiles. Most everyone has great abundance in things that simply enhance our enjoyment in life. We have cell phones, computers, Internet, televisions, etc. We have a lot of disposable income to go to movies, sporting events, and take trips.

The LORD wants us to enjoy the things He has given us. Paul wrote in I Timothy 6:17, “*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.*” The LORD has given us all things to enjoy. But we are warned not to trust in them.

Many people think wealth will bring them happiness. It’s interesting that the rich young man was very wealthy, but we are told in Matthew 19:22 he was “very sorrowful.” In Mark 10:21 we are told that Jesus loved this young man. He had the love of Jesus, great wealth, and the promise of wealth in Heaven. But, he went away sorrowful. He could not rid himself of the riches he had here that were keeping him from the LORD.

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Sunday, September 9, 2018

Classes	15	Hebrews 3:7-13
Preaching	24	II Peter 1:5-21
Contribution	\$649.90	
Evening	18	Malachi 2:1-17

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Classes	20	I Chronicles 10:1-14
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Visitors— Sep 9 (AM) Andy, Marsha, & Hannah Wagoner  
(Bowling Green, KY)

## Bible Quiz

The LORD said the people had wearied Him with what?

Last Week’s Answer— from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same (Malachi 1:11)

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Riches will indeed bring sorrow if not used properly and for the LORD. Let’s enjoy and properly use our great blessings here and lay up treasures in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

## —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)