

But our wealth has no worth in Heaven unless it is exchanged for good works. And dear reader, the exchange rate is very favorable.

Our wealth is made up of all that we own. It includes our homes, our cars, our clothes, our food, and all things of value that we steward. When we use our homes to bring others in for shelter, comfort, encouragement, and to teach them about Christ, we are converting that home from a physical building that will fail into good works that follow us into eternity. Those good works can secure us our eternal home. When we are actively generous and willing to share with those in need, we exchange the temporary for the eternal (Matthew 25:37-40). At the end of time, Jesus will recognize our good works and give to us that eternal home. Have you been exchanging your wealth for good works? Do not allow the temporary to rob you of the eternal.

However, no matter the amount of good works we may possess at the end of time, that home in Heaven is still a gift by the grace of our Lord (Romans 5:15) because you and I will always be unprofitable servants (Luke 17:10). To Jesus Christ our King be glory and honor in the church forever and ever, amen!

2 Corinthians 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
Live on Facebook

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

December 11, 2022

THE LOGIC OF HUMILITY

Matthew Brotherton (Center Point Road Church of Christ - Marion, IA)

Do you consider yourself monetarily rich, dear reader? I would propose that you are, indeed. Americans are the richest people when compared to the world. The majority of Americans bring in an income that places them in the top 10% of the world. The global median income, according to a 2018 Washington Post article, is \$2,100. We are rich but are we rich enough to go to Heaven?

In perhaps the most difficult parable to parse, the parable of the unjust steward, Jesus commands His disciples to "make friends for yourself by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings" (Luke 16:9). Somehow, the wealth we steward can lead us to that eternal home. But are we rich enough to go to Heaven?

Now that we have the proper view of ourselves as rich and we see that our riches can lead us to an eternal home, how do we do this? Paul commands Timothy to command the rich to "do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" to the end that they could "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19). For our riches to lead us to our eternal home, they must first be converted into good works.

I am married to a Filipina, and as a result, we travel to her country to visit family. However, I need that country's currency to take care of our essentials. The current exchange rate is quite favorable in the Philippines. One U.S. dollar will yield 58 pesos. The average fast-food meal in the Philippines costs 152.92 pesos. The exchange rate yields more for our family in the Philippines than it does in America. Our Earthly wealth can satisfy our physical needs, along with various other comforts, and it can provide those things for our loved ones long after we are dead.

Memory Verse

Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

1 Kings 19:18 (ESV)

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HEART-TO-HEART

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ray Leonard is recovering from a procedure he had Friday. It was good to see him back with us.

Carolyn Cook had a heart catheter put in on December 1st, and is recovering, and doing well.

Cooper Parker (grandson of **John and Janet Staudinger**) has been diagnosed with pneumonia.

Neil Wilson was involved in an accident involving his brain. There is a long road ahead, but he is showing some positive signs of recovery.

Benita Forrest has a spot on her lung and is having test to determine the severity. Pray her, her situation, and those for whom she is caring.

Sandra Higgins is having a tough time with the loss of her brother. Pray for her comfort.

Linda Bates has a 50% blockage in her carotid artery. She will be at the Woods doing Rehab for a few more days.

Roger Harris is recovering from a bout with pneumonia

Joanna Meier had her wisdom teeth removed.

Kristen Baker has the flu.

DH Forest had a heart valve repaired.

Tommy Haynes (Karli Walker) had knee surgery on December 7th, and is recovering well.

Levi Daris has stage 4 cancer and pneumonia and is

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- *Singing & Fellowship - TONIGHT*
- *Ladies' Night - Tuesday @ 6:30 pm*
- *Men's Breakfast - Saturday @ 6 am*

Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

in the hospital.

Paula Wilson will have surgery on December 16th.

Candace Carter is still undergoing treatments and is having a procedure on some of her vertebrae.

Winnie Roberts is in need of prayers.

Marty Baker has started treatments, which will continue for the next few months.

Judy Beard has received a diagnosis for a type of eye disease. Pray that the effects of this dis-ease are delayed as long as possible.

Keep **Lori Smith's (Cheryl Shirley)** pregnancy in your prayers that she and the baby remain healthy.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOX

There is a box in the foyer for Christmas cards. If you would like to give someone in the congregation a Christmas card, you can put it in there. If you do not see your name or someone you would like to whom you would like to give a card, please let **Mandy Tolbert** know.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



December	11	Jeff & Sara Newton Monty & Mamie Meier
	13	Dylan Thompson
	17	Avery Smith
	19	Julie Pettigrew Railey Curtis
	23	John & Janet Staudinger Josie Knight
	28	Philip Colvin Dagan Danley
	29	Sarah Rabb
	30	Kathy Linder
	31	Jerry & Laura Smith



Mark Your Calendar

TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a Teen Xmas Part at the home of the Wilsons on **December 10th**. See **Jeremy** or **Rachel Wilson** for more details.

LADIES' NIGHT

December 13th at the home of **Pam Beard**. Please bring an ornament or gift for a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Please see Pam Beard, Janet Staudinger, Gwen Ellis, Jamie Beard, Fran Calvert, or Laura Smith for additional details.

YOUTH/TEEN XMAS PARTY

December 20th at the home of **Mike and Pam Beard**. The youth and teen aged children are invited. Please bring an ornament or gift for a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange.

LADIE'S BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies' class will not meet for the remainder of December. The class will resume on January 4, 2023.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

11	1 Corinthians 10-12
12	1 Corinthians 11-13
13	1 Corinthians 14-16
14	2 Corinthians 1-3
15	2 Corinthians 4-6
16	2 Corinthians 7-9
17	2 Corinthians 10-12



NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Dec 11	Lori Rabb
Dec 18	Becky Rice
Dec 25	Becky Rice
Jan 01	Angela Stewart

Ladies' December Duties

Cards:	Terry Boykin
Food:	Jill Curtis Lydia Meier

Attendance

Bible Class	70
Sunday AM Worship	90
Sunday PM Worship	70
Wed. Evening	80
Contribution	\$4,936

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