基督徒與錢財 Christian and His/Her Possessions

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從大局看錢財 Seeing money in its context:

只看錢財,人會眼花。從大局看錢 財,我們才知道如何選擇。



一、耶穌論生命 Jesus on "life"

- 人的生命不在乎家道豐富。 Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions. (路 Luke 12:15)
- · 凡為自己積財,在神面前卻不富足的,也是這樣。 This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God. (路 Luke 12:21)

• 你們要謹慎自守,免去一切的貪心。 Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. (路 Luke 12:15)

Apple posts the biggest quarterly profit in history, BBC News, 1/28/2015

Apple quarterly results





- -biggest ever by a public company
- \$142bn net cash reserves
- -74.5m number of iPhones sold
- 39.9% profit per product



• 貪財是萬惡之根。有人貪戀錢財, 就被引誘離了真道,用許多愁苦把 自己刺透了。For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (提前 1 Tim. 6:10)

二、無知的財主 The rich fool

- 1. 他遠離了神,將安全感建立在錢財之上 His possessions have become a source of security apart from God.
- 2. 因此之故,他的錢財使他無法支取來自 於神的生命 Thus, his possessions deny him any claim to life, which is from God.

世俗的金錢觀 The secular view of money

- 金錢帶給你 Money brings you:
 - 1. 安全 security
 - 2. 幸福 happiness

• 你要囑咐那些今世富足的人,不要 自高,也不要倚靠無定的錢財;只 要倚靠那厚賜百物給我們享受的神。 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (提前 1 Tim. 6:17)

亞古珥的祈禱 The Prayer of Agur

我求你兩件事,在我未死之先,不要不賜給我:

- 1. 求你使虚假和謊言遠離我;
- 2. 使我也不貧窮也不富足,賜給我需用(日用)的飲食:
 - 恐怕我飽足不認你,說:耶和華是誰呢?
 - 又恐怕我貧窮就偷竊,以致褻瀆我神的名。(箴言 Prov. 30:7-9)



The American Psychological Association's "Stress in America" survey results for 2014, released this week, shows that 72 percent of adults report feeling stressed about money at least some of the time, and 22 percent say that they experience extreme stress about money. Top reported triggers include paying for unexpected expenses, paying for essentials, and saving for retirement.

三、不要憂慮 Do not worry

- 1. 不要將生命看小了:生命勝於(不只是) 飲食,身體勝於(不只是)衣裳。(路 12:23)
- 2. 不要將神看無了:你想烏鴉也不種、也不收...神尚且養活它,你們比飛鳥是何等的貴重呢? (路12:12:24)
- 3. 不要將自己的本事看大了:你們哪一個 能用思慮,使壽數多加一刻呢?這最小 的事你們尚且不能做,為什麼還憂慮其 餘的事呢?(路12:25-26)

四、求他的國 Seek His kingdom

- 1. **優先次序的重排**:從追求錢財,改為追求神的國。
 - -以天父的事為念。(路2:49)
 - 為所信的福音齊心努力。(腓1:27)
- 2. 神的應許:你們只要求他的國,這些東西就必加給你們了!(路12:31)

五、你們這小群!You little flock!

- 1. 你們這小信的人(你們並非沒有信心):你們這小信的人哪,野地裡的草今天還在,明天就丟在爐裡,神還給他這樣的妝飾,何況你們呢!(路12:28)
- 2. 你們這小群(但卻承受了最大的國): 你們這小群,不要懼怕,因為你們的父 樂意把國賜給你們。(路12:32)

因祂關懷我 Because He cares...

- 不要貪心! (路12:15)
- 不要憂慮! (路12:22)
- 不要懼怕!(路12:32)

- 你們知道我們主耶穌基督的恩典: 他本來富足,卻為你們成了貧窮, 叫你們因他的貧窮,可以成為富足。
- 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.(林後 2 Cor. 8:9)

Acknowledge Jesus 承認耶穌

- A. Admit 承認:以謙卑的心,承認自己乃是一個罪人。
- B. Believe 相信:相信耶穌,並他為了我的罪而被釘十字架。
- C. Confess 宣告:決志祈禱,宣告你的信心,接受耶穌成為你的生命之主。