

A dying grandma tells her grandchild, "I want to leave you my farm. That includes the barn, livestock, the harvest, the tractor, other equipment, the farmhouse and \$24,548,750.45 in cash." The grandchild, absolutely floored and about to become rich says, "Oh Grandma, you are SO generous! I didn't even know you had a farm. Where is it?" With her last breath, Grandma whispered, "Facebook..."

Money, it is a necessary thing, but it can be a problem. For many, it can become an obsession. To put it another way, the more you have the more you want (without an end in sight). Worse than this, as you acquire more, you may be willing to do absolutely anything to become

more rich. God can become an afterthought as money becomes your one and only one focus in life. In thinking about this, I remembered a couple of passages from the New Testament...

Luke 12 ([World English Bible](#))

15 He said to them, **“Beware! Keep yourselves from covetousness, for a man’s life doesn’t consist of the abundance of the things which he possesses.”**

16 He spoke a parable to them, saying, **“The ground of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly.**

17 He reasoned within himself, saying, ‘What will I do, because I don’t have room to store my crops?’

18 He said, ‘This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns, and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19 I will tell my soul, **“Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.”**”

20 “But God said to him, ‘You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared—whose will they be?’

21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

22 He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, don’t be anxious for your life, what you will eat, nor yet for your body, what you will wear.

23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

24 Consider the ravens: they don’t sow, they don’t reap, they have no warehouse or barn, and God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds!

25 Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his height?

26 If then you aren’t able to do even the least things, why are you anxious about the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow. They don’t toil, neither do they spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 But if this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which today exists, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith?

29 Don't seek what you will eat or what you will drink; neither be anxious.

30 For the nations of the world seek after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need these things.

31 But seek God's Kingdom, and all these things will be added to you.

1 Timothy 6 (WEB)

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly can't carry anything out.

8 But having food and clothing, we will be content with that.

9 But those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful lusts, such as drown men in ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But you, man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Bottom line: Don't let the allure of great wealth become overpowering. Make God the greatest priority in your life and you won't regret it. Believe this; God will provide you with everything you truly need. Greed, otherwise known as Covetousness, is sin and taken to its ultimate end, will destroy you. Remember that last verse of the Timothy passage...

1 Timothy 6: 11 (WEB)

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Christian: This is the way to go!