



### ***“The Danger of Wealth”***

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***Introduction*** – *Jesus’ encounter with a rich, young ruler ends with him walking away from Jesus because he couldn’t walk away from his money. Jesus uses the incident to warn His disciples about the danger of wealth.*

#### ***I. The Dangers of Wealth.***

- A. Warnings about the dangers of wealth occur throughout the Bible.
  
- B. Jesus tells his disciples that it will be hard for those who are wealthy to enter the Kingdom of God. Not only that, but it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.
  
- C. Jesus’ statement astonished the disciples and, has troubled theologians for a long time.
  - 1. What does Jesus mean?
  - 2. Is money bad?
  - 3. Is He asking us to give away all our money?
  
- D. He is saying watch out!
  
- E. It is impossible to get into God’s kingdom on the basis of human success. Only God has the power to make that possible.

#### ***II. The Freedom From the Power of Wealth.***

- A. Be content. (I Timothy 5:5-10)
  
- B. Enjoy it. Don’t love it.  
(I Timothy 6:9-10)  
(I Timothy 6:17-19)  
(Hebrews 13:5-6)
  
- C. Use it to do good. (Luke 16:9-10)
  
- D. Be generous.  
(Luke 6:35-36)  
(Luke 11:39-41)
  
- E. Signs of freedom:
  
- F. Signs of bondage:

#### ***Conclusion***