



Outer Growth - Rich

For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Luke 18:25

Ruler-----Proverbs 22:7

idols-----1 Timothy 6:9

Cash-----Psalms 49:6

Habits-----Jeremiah 13:23

The truth is, there is nothing wrong with being rich. The problem with the rich man entering the kingdom of God begins with the possessor of the wealth. It is not easy to find a humble rich person that is wealthy. Most rich people stand out or are well known before you could encounter them. The rich people lead while others follow by listening and being of service to them.

Where would you find a rich person serving others and getting nothing in return? The rich are the lenders, and the people that need from them are the borrowers. The majority of wealthy people spend most of their time indulging in their pleasures. They serve themselves before considering the privilege of serving God. The rich are under the influence that their wealth can get them anything they want.

However, money is not able to buy certain things. Money is not able to buy Love (you can get lust), truth (you can purchase lies, persuade), time, peace, talent, health, manners, friends, knowledge, and presence.

Finally, money can create addictions like drugs and alcohol, gambling, constant partying, or going to clubs, which can be fatal in the end. Therefore, a rich man has its daily challenges, just like other people in general. So why does a rich man find it hard to enter the kingdom of God? It is not the riches but the consumption of the heart with other things that preoccupy. Therefore, how would there be any room for God?

Prayer: Merciful God, help me not let the wealth that you bless me with prohibit me from serving you. Thank you God. Amen.