**Wealth & Riches - Ponderings**

**It is better to live rich than to die rich. *(Samuel Johnson)***

**Man was born to be rich, or grows rich by the use of his faculties, by the union of thought with nature. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Ability is a poor man’s wealth. *(John Wooden, basketball coach)***

**The first wealth is health. (Ralph Waldo Emerson, in The Conduct of Life, Nature and Other Essays)**

**Government’s view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases. If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. *(Ronald Reagan)***

**The greatest wealth is to live content with little, for there is never want when the mind is satisfied. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**A miser grows rich by seeming poor. An extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich. *(Quoted in New York News World)***

**Having it all doesn’t necessarily mean having it all at once. (Stephanie Luetkehans)**

**If I were rich I’d have the time that I lack to sit in the Synagogue and pray. And maybe have a seat by the Eastern Wall. And I’d discuss the Holy Books with the learned men seven hours every day. That would be the sweetest thing of all. *(Sheldon Harnick, in Fiddler on the Roof)***

**Jesus wasn't saying that we should not have money. What He was testing for was to determine if the man had possessions or if he was possessed by them. *(Eric Butterworth, in Spiritual Economics , p. 147)*  
It was not wealth Jesus condemned but the methods by which it was acquired and the greed in hoarding it. *(George M. Lamsa, in Gospel Light)***

**Men who kiss their wives goodbye in the morning earn higher salaries than men who don’t. *(Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in That’s A Fact, Jack!, p. 124)***

**To know you have enough is to be rich. *(Tao Te Ching)***

**He who knows enough is enough will always have enough. *(Patrick Lott, in Unity magazine)***

**Luxury lies not in richness and ornateness but in the absence of vulgarity. *(Coco Chanel)***

I make myself rich by making my wants few. *(Henry David Thoreau, American writer, 19th century)*

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money. *(Rocky Mountain News)*

Wealthy people miss one of life’s greatest thrills . . . making the last car payment. *(Rocky Mountain News)*

**A man is never so on trial as in the moment of excessive good fortune. (Lew Wallace)**

**The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. (Pope St. Gregory the Great, Italian pontiff, 6th century)**

**There are people who have money and people who are rich. (Coco Gabrielle Chanel)**

**If I am rich, it is because I have taken my wages in people. You are my reward. (Quentin Crisp)**

**Wealth gives you the power to be wasteful – but not the right. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The real measure of your wealth is how much you would be worth if you lost all your money. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**I have a large seashell collection, which I keep scattered on beaches all over the world. *(Steven Wright)***

**Take care of the luxuries, and the necessities will take care of themselves. *(Dorothy Parker)***

**True affluence is not needing anything. *(Gary Snyder, in Turtle Island)***

**True wealth is not the apples in the basket; it is the trees in the orchard. *(Patrick J. Buchanan)***

**What right have you to take the word wealth, which originally meant “well-being,” and degrade and narrow it by confining it to certain sorts of material objects measured by money. *(John Ruskin)***

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