**Wealth & Riches - Ponderings**

**You crown the year with your bounty.**

***(Psalm 65:11)***

**Be not penny-wise: riches have wings, and sometimes they fly away of themselves; sometimes they must be set flying to bring in more. *(Sir Francis Bacon, in 1625)***

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

**Luxury must be comfortable, otherwise it is not luxury. *(Coco Chanel)***

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

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

**Money and possessions are like diet soda – they satisfy momentarily, but they do not nourish. *(Kevin Anderson, in Divinity in Disguise)***

**The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own. *(Benjamin Disraeli)***

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**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)***

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

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**A luxury, once enjoyed, becomes a necessity. (C. Northcote Parkinson, historian)**

**I'd give all my wealth for one successful marriage. (J. Paul Getty, billionaire)**

**God has been so lavish in his gifts that you can lose some priceless ones, the equivalent of whole kingdoms, and still be inherently rich. (Wilfrid Sheed, in In Love With Daylight)**

A treasure is to be valued for its own sake and not for what it will buy. (*Graham Greene)*

**Having it all doesn’t necessarily mean having it all at once. (Stephanie Luetkehans, in The Christian Science Monitor)**

**I am indeed rich, since my income is superior to my expenses, and my expense is equal to my wishes. (Edward Gibbon, historian)**

**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)***

**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)***

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

**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)***

**Good heavens, of what uncostly material is our earthly happiness composed . . . if we only knew it? What incomes have we not had from a flower, and how unfailing are the dividends of the seasons? *(James Russell Lowell)***

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

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

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

It's not a sin to be rich -- it's a miracle. *(Quoted by W. F. Dettle in Hutchinson County, Texas, Herald)*

**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)**

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

**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)***

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**There is no wealth but life. *(John Ruskin)***

**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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**Wealth is like seawater; the more we drink, the thirstier we become; and the same is true of fame. *(Arthur Schopenhauer)***

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

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

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**Wealth is the ability to fully experience life. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

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

**A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

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

**Ordinary riches can be stolen, real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you. *(Oscar Wilde)***

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

**You can't have everything. Where would you put it? *(Steven Wright, in Omni)***

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