

## The Desire to be Rich

**1 Tim 6:6-10 — That is an amazing portion. We all grew up with the desire to be rich, have good jobs, go to college. We were envious of those who had these things. Desire is inner motivation, inner wish in thoughts or decision. Just the desire to be rich is going to hurt us. But if we have contentment with food and clothing, then we will have great gain.**

**People desire to go to college to get out of the realm of working by the sweat of their brow. Then they drown in perdition. Isa 24:5 says that most men have broken the Everlasting Covenant (all the things a man is supposed to do in order to be godly) and they have brought destruction down upon themselves. But if you want to go to college, get rich, have money, emulate TV stars and rock stars — those who have made it rich on Wall Street — you fall into a snare and drown in perdition, in death. Paul said that godliness with contentment is great gain. Our Master said that the rich man had his reward in full (Lk 6:24).**

**In Australia our brothers were working for a man who was making the ultimate dream house for himself, but that's all he is going to have for the rest of eternity. He is going to be in perdition — ensnared. Do you know anyone who is rich? It is our responsibility to tell them. 1 Tim 6:18-19 — Tell them what they are going to have to repent from. They have to be a part of the *koinonia* — sharing, distributing their wealth.**

So we have to go to university colleges and preach at open forums. That's what we all were. That was the pressure we had from our peers and our parents. But godliness with contentment is great, great, great gain. But whoever wants to get rich pierces himself with many sorrows. He is in a trap.

We need to expound on this in freepapers, elaborate it for the Germans. And someone else can do it for the Americans and English-speaking.

This is a formation of the good news in us. We can see that Paul was able to preach the good news to the rich people and save them out of that trap. The rich have their comfort in full. That is it. They don't know anything else. Since they don't know anything else, they might as well, as far as they know, eat, drink and be merry. We need to have compassion on the people of the world.

We know, we grew up with it: "What are you going to be when you grow up?" "I want to be this, I want to be that." Peer, parent, and teacher pressure. We were born in it, raised in it, and steeped in it. We need to elaborate on this and help people to see this and get them out of that trap.

Our children are raised with godliness and contentment. They have great gain. We have food and clothing. Sometimes we even find ourselves with too much of that — putting things away thinking, "Oh, I can use this then, I can keep this for that," etc. So we have to keep on giving away. We can keep on sharing. If you have more than you need and you see a brother who doesn't have and you close your heart to him, how can the love of God be in you?

Chassidah — One time we had a rat and she knew not to go in the trap. She resisted that piece of cheese for such a long time. It was amazing. But after a while, she couldn't resist anymore. The temptation was always there because she desired that cheese and couldn't keep herself from it anymore. It made me think about people who resist that trap but always wind up falling into it because they all have that desire to be rich.

Nahum — Our Father is putting a sure foundation in us. He wants to raise up a nation. We were the most anxious and lawless, but he wants us to see that and let him save us.

We need to write about this. There are millions of billionaires in America. I always wanted to make a paper for them and go to these rich neighborhoods on the seashore and other areas and put a paper in their paper box.

It says that if you sow abundantly then you will reap abundantly. We made 100,000 papers for the Promise Keepers event last year and we got 12 disciples!!!! We are going to start fishing with nets someday. Right now we're just fishing with poles (Mt 13:47-50). At the end of the age we will be fishing with nets. When you fish with nets you get a lot of fish and you also get the bad fish. But later the bad fish are ferreted out. A ferret is a weasel who frantically goes about to kill rats. That ferreting is what is going to happen in the last days. Those who endure to the end will be saved.

A net is when we speak to many people at one time. Right now He saves us one by one in order that we can house and shepherd the ones who come in. You are the beginning. He got us. Here we are. Don't despise the day

of beginnings. We're embryonic; we are still being formed.  
Let's gather together as the little flock. We're still the little flock from Steinenberg.