



ALIVE IN GRACE

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TITLE: GRACE TO TRUST

"And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. ¹⁴ And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. ¹⁶ And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? ¹⁸ And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. ²⁰ But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? ²¹ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. ²² And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. ²³ The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? ²⁵ And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? ²⁶ If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? ²⁹ And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. ³⁰ For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. ³¹ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. ³² Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Luke 12:13-34)

1. The _____ of the Wordly Man

A. Revealed in His _____

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. ² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:1-2)

HE LIVED BY SIGHT

"(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" (2 Corinthians 5:7)

HE LIVED FOR SELF

Quote: "May we remember that ultimate satisfaction can only be found in God, the gracious giver of all good things. We were made for Him and we will never be satisfied with less."—**Randy Alcorn**

Definition: *money*—an article which may be used as a universal payment to everywhere except Heaven, and provides for everything except happiness—**Wall Street Journal**

"Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names." (Psalm 49:11)

Quote: "The trouble with some self-made men is that they worship their creator."

B. Revealed in His _____

"He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity." (Ecclesiastes 5:10)

Quote: "Make money your god and it will plague you like the devil."—**Henry Fielding**

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; ¹⁸ That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;" (1 Timothy 6:17-18)

2. The _____ of God

A. Regarding _____

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:20)

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

Quote: "My greatest thought is my accountability to God."

—Daniel Webster

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10)

B. Regarding _____

"And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. ² And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward." (Luke 16:1-2)

3. The _____ to Trust

A. Practice Reverential _____

"And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on." (Luke 12:22)

STOP WORRYING

Quote: "Many Christians in 2019 are giving less than they could. Not because they are making less, but because they are worrying more."

Quote: "Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength."

CONSIDER GOD'S PROVISION

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

B. Prioritize Eternal _____

Quote: "Our attitude toward money is often a reflection of our heart towards Him."

"A gracious woman retaineth honour: and strong men retain riches." (Proverbs 11:16)

Quote: "Use your affluence for eternal influence."

SYSTEMATIC GIVING

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." (1 Corinthians 16:2)

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:" (Matthew 6:20)

Quote: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

CONCLUSION _____

Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. (2 Corinthians 8:7)



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