

PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN'S WIFE

Matthew 6: 19-24

Two couples stood at the altar in a double wedding ceremony. Capable, hopeful, ambitious young people they entered the ways of wedded bliss with faith and confidence.

As time wrote its story the one young man was exceedingly successful in business and year by year his income grew larger.

The other young man was successful, but his work of service never made him rich in income.

Strangely as the wealthy businessman grew richer, his wife became less and less capable; so that her duties as wife, mother and homemaker became more of a burden and the care of her home and children was taken on by servants. Boredom and drink consumed her days until she became a weak and unbalanced person.

The second wife knew she was needed and carried a full load of responsibility in working with her husband to raise the family, carry the cost of living and render community service.

The experiences of success and failure cemented their marriage in a commonness of understanding, which made them confident personalities and happy individuals.

By worldly gain and eminent business success the first couple wrote its social achievements with a mansion and automobiles. The second couple wrote their story in service and activity.

Wealth may empower us to do good or evil to ourselves and to others. When we measure the program and progress of our lives, we may enrich or impoverish our souls. We cannot neglect the feeding of the mind and soul with heavenly riches without severely penalizing our lives.

Which husband was rich? Where are you building and storing your treasure? What master are you serving? You cannot serve both God and Money.

God bless,
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