



Mentoring – Lesson 8

The Redemptive Role of Wealth

Study Questions

- 1) To eliminate systemic poverty, we must, first, understand poverty and wealth from the _____ perspective.
- 2) The Bible tells us (God speaking) that you have been given the power to make _____; you will be the _____ and not the tail; you will be a _____ and not a borrower.
- 3) This wealth and influence is not about you and me. It is about you and I _____ others.
- 4) You cannot disciple a nation unless the Lord _____ you with the means that make that nation powerful.
- 5) If we don't have the proper foundations of discipling nations (as learned in these mentoring lessons), there is a tendency to jump too quickly into the role of wealth, and it feeds a _____ spirit.
- 6) Taking over the wealth to control people/nations, is completely contrary to the spirit of _____ because, we are to _____ the world.
- 7) Daniel interceded for the witches and warlocks and saved them. Subsequently, he was appointed, by the king, as he chairman over them. Daniel took the position because that's where the center of _____ was. As a result, he was able to advise 3 kings over several decades.

- 8) Daniel loved Babylon, so he was there, not to _____ something from Babylon, but to _____ it through kingdom principles.
- 9) God wants to exalt us so we can _____ the community, rather than _____ over it.
- 10) The Church is not designed to change the _____. The Church is designed to change _____ - to build them up, and to equip them.
- 11) God will _____ the Church with wealth, power, and authority.
- 12) _____ is a surer way of destroying people than difficulties.
- 13) What are the 2 misconceptions that, often, prevent godly Christians from moving *enthusiastically* into the market place?
- i)
- ii)
- 14) We have developed a theology that idolizes _____.
- 15) There will be times when God causes you to go through difficult circumstances in order to strip you of everything, because he wants to give you _____ - it is to strip you to equip you.
- 16) Only persons who are _____ have the option to be humble or prideful.
- 17) Those who fail have already been _____ by their failure.
- 18) In order to disciple nations, we need to train a generation that can _____ success and choose to give God all the glory.
- 19) The Church has, traditionally, ascribed _____ to poverty and _____ to wealth.
- 20) Jesus _____ equally for the widow's son and the Centurion's servant.
- 21) What is the key for us to be entrusted with much from the Lord?
- 22) We make the wrong assumption in believing that the poor have greater _____ than the rich.
- 23) Rich persons have greater _____ needs than the poor because they cannot believe the lie "If I have money, I can make this problem go away."
- 24) When a wealthy person has problems (marital, family, depression), they are in deep pain because he knows that _____ cannot buy a solution, and hopelessness becomes total.

- 25) We need to ask God to help us to _____ to the rich, the powerful, and the influential, otherwise we will fail.
- 26) Jesus spent about 5 minutes with Bartemaeus, and overnight with Zacheus because he knew that _____ Zacheus could take care of all the Bartemaeuses.
- 27) We need to listen to the Lord, and develop and cultivate a _____ and _____ for the Zacheuses of this world.
- 28) Jesus told the Parable of the Minas because he wanted to correct some misconceptions. What are those misconceptions?
- i)
 - ii)
- 29) What was the main point of the Parable of the Minas?
- 30) We need to remember that God never rebuked anyone for asking too _____, but he *did* rebuke people for asking too _____.
- 31) God is _____ when his children come to him with the right attitude and the right understanding, to ask, "Would you give me more because I want to do more for you?"
- 32) Rich persons need to be _____ so that they can bring the Kingdom of God to their cities by practicing God's economics like Zaccheus.
- 33) Rich persons, then, need to assume _____ of authority, so that the Kingdom of God will be manifested.
- 34) The Parable of the Minas – going into the market place, doing business, obtaining authority over cities – is a road map to the promise that the Gospel of the _____ will be proclaimed all over the earth, and then, the end will come.
- 35) The return of the Lord is dictated by the _____ of the Church _____ the Kingdom of God to every place on earth.
- 36) Somehow, in the mystery of God, he has given us, the Church, the clock that controls and dictates when Jesus will _____ to earth.
- 37) Jesus, through the Parable of the Unfaithful Servant, taught that _____ is temporary and a commodity that is to be traded in order to gain _____ in the Kingdom of God.
- 38) Wealth is a _____ from God that needs to be brought under the power and authority of our Lord.

- 39) Wealth needs to lead us into _____ in the market place.
- 40) In the Ephesians Grid, reconciliation of the gaps in 6 areas needs to take place, including the _____, before engaging in spiritual warfare for the city.
- 41) God wants to give us the spirit of Christ so that _____ won't define society or relationships for us.
- 42) The Lord never opposed wealth. What he objected to was _____ wealth, and the _____ that idle wealth has on people.
- 43) In the story of the Rich Young Ruler, Jesus never said, "Go and sell your possessions and give it to the poor." What did Jesus *really* say?
- 44) A wealthy person gives to the poor by liquidating his _____: he gets into the market place, he invests, he makes money, and he gives out of what he _____ rather than out of what he doesn't make.
- 45) Jesus told the Rich Young Ruler to sell his possessions, not because wealth was _____, but because he was controlled by _____ – the fear of not having enough.
- 46) When Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for a rich person to get into the Kingdom, the disciples' reply was, "Then, who can be saved?" Why?
- 47) Ed believes that what Jesus was saying was that rich persons who are owned by their wealth will have trouble experiencing the Kingdom of God on _____.
- 48) When Peter stated to Jesus that the disciples had given up much, Jesus' reply was that they would be entrusted with _____ wealth, not less.
- 49) The *more* would be given to Peter so he could do _____ with it, not hoard it.
- 50) The *more* begins with renouncing _____, giving up what we _____, and _____ what we have in the Kingdom of God.
- 51) When comparing the two passages about the rich young ruler, we can conclude that Jesus was not saying that one must become _____ in order to enter the Kingdom of God.
- 52) Rather, Jesus was teaching that we must get rid of _____ wealth, using it to bring the Kingdom of God into the lives of _____.
- 53) The rich man's problem was that he was _____ to see wealth as a means to benefit the poor instead of as a crutch to shore up his _____ insecurities.

- 54) In 1 Timothy 6, Paul tells us that God supplies us _____ with _____ things to _____.
- 55) It is important to understand that wealth is a _____ resource that God gives us, many times over, in direct proportion to how we _____ it away.
- 56) When we understand this, we don't have to fix our hope in our _____, but in _____ because he supplies richly.
- 57) It is important to be good stewards of what God has entrusted us, but we will not give an account of how much we _____, but of how much we _____ away.
- 58) God wants to supply richly and to multiply what we have in direct proportion to our _____.
- 59) God gives us wealth so that we can _____ it.
- 60) We can be _____ enjoying what we have when we understand that what we have is a _____ from God.
- 61) When you don't believe that it is God who gave it to you, and that he wants to give you more, you become _____ with it.
- 62) Wealth is not the problem. What is the problem?
- 63) What is the root of all sorts of evil?
- 64) What were the three requirements of rich persons as prescribed by Paul in 1 Timothy 6?
- i)
 - ii)
 - iii)
- 65) When you do these 3 things, you are storing up _____, which is the _____ of the future.
- 66) Helping the _____ is like buying insurance against bankruptcy, because God says, "Every time you help the needy I will remember you when you are in trouble" (see Ps. 41:1).
- 67) We have to do good works and be generous - _____ our immediate sphere of influence, and do it for our city/nation.
- 68) _____ is what makes wealth enjoyable.
- 69) _____ is not a sin (if you have any doubt, ask God what kind of pavement he chose for his city).

- 70) _____ luxury is wrong, not enjoying it.
- 71) When the Church _____ what it has, God brings people into the kingdom.
- 72) Poverty is not “lack of” but the _____ of lacking.
- 73) We should develop a generous _____ plan for the rest of our lives – decide how much you need to live on, and then, freely give away everything _____ that amount to the Kingdom.
- 74) One thing that happens when you set the “ceiling” or limit on your financial plan is you get money _____ and _____ that limit.
- 75) Mammon can only occupy 1 of 2 positions – either _____ or _____.
- 76) _____ was developed, not to take care of the poor, but to make money.
- 77) Because Capitalism was developed in a Judeo-Christian environment, it had a strong _____ fiber to it, and it did a lot of good.
- 78) Capitalism has since become _____ (unethical, unprincipled), even to the point of now being _____, where those involved in “capitalistic” pursuits don’t care what happens to others or cities or nations, as long as they make money.
- 79) The Bible, in the Book of Revelation, tells us that nations are saved because they were healed by the _____ of the Tree of Life. Ed teaches that the leaves of the Tree of Life are insights, discoveries, new ideas, and new concepts that God wants to give, primarily, to Christians so that we can bring _____ to the nations.
- 80) What are the 4 dimensions of poverty as described by Ed (taken from the Lord’s Prayer)?
- i) _____ ii) _____
- iii) _____ iv) _____
- 81) Poor persons are rich _____ (lots of faith) and _____ (lots of friends), but poor in areas of motivation and material.
- 82) Rich persons are rich _____ and _____, but poor in spiritual and relational areas.
- 83) Both the rich and the poor have something to _____.
- 84) Acts 4:32-34 clearly emphasizes that the rich *and* the poor were coming _____ and building a community together.
- 85) People believed that Jesus was alive because the early Church created a new _____ where the rich and the poor were not _____ by what they possessed but were _____ by what they gave each other.

- 86) The real miracle in this passage was not that the rich gave to the poor, but that the rich and poor came _____ because the rich received from the poor in the areas where they were needy, and the poor received from the rich in the areas where they were needy.
- 87) What are the two lies the devil has told us?
- i)
 - ii)
- 88) The truth is that poor persons are not the problem, but the _____.
- 89) There are no poor nations in the world today. It is nations with a _____ of poverty that takes the wealth of those nations and manages that wealth following Babylonian principles, to control the wealth in order to _____ the people and not give them an _____ to rise up to their destiny.
- 90) What the Lord has already entrusted to you is meant to be _____ and invested.
- 91) As Christians work together and invest their profits to help meet the felt needs in the city, we will be able to give _____ of the resurrection of Jesus, and people will _____.
- 92) Summarize the teaching in 4 or 5 sentences.
- 93) How has this teaching affected your life?
- 94) Describe the steps you will take to implement what you've learned.
- 95) Allow the Lord to reveal to you new ways of doing what you're already doing, but to do it better and bigger. Remember that God will not give it to you, until you give it to him first. Tell the Lord: "Whatever I have, whatever you've entrusted to me, I give it back to you."

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- 1) Biblical (from intro video webpage)
- 2) wealth, head, lender (from intro video)
- 3) serving
- 4) entrusts
- 5) self-serving
- 6) Christ, serve
- 7) power
- 8) take, transform
- 9) serve, rule
- 10) world, people
- 11) entrust
- 12) Success
- 13) i) Christians don't handle success very well
ii) God despises rich persons
- 14) failure
- 15) more
- 16) successful
- 17) humbled
- 18) handle
- 19) virtue, vices
- 20) cared
- 21) for us to never make a difference between
the rich and the poor – to treat the rich
and poor equally
- 22) needs
- 23) spiritual
- 24) money
- 25) minister
- 26) one
- 27) love, passion
- 28) i) rich persons like Zaccheus have no
important place in the Kingdom of God.
ii) the Kingdom of God was going to
materialize *suddenly*.
- 29) that we must go back into the
marketplace, do business in an ungodly
setting, and the Lord expects us to succeed,
because people follow those who are
successful.
- 30) much, little
- 31) delighted
- 32) saved
- 33) positions
- 34) Kingdom
- 35) obedience, taking
- 36) return
- 37) wealth, influence
- 38) gift
- 39) reconciliation
- 40) market place
- 41) money
- 42) idle, control
- 43) "Sell all you possess and *give* to the poor."
- 44) possessions, makes
- 45) evil, fear
- 46) the disciples were wealthy, not poor.
- 47) earth
- 48) more
- 49) good
- 50) wealth, have, investing
- 51) poor

52) idle, others
53) unable, own
54) richly, all, enjoy
55) renewable, give
56) riches, God
57) keep, give
58) generosity
59) enjoy
60) comfortable, gift
61) stingy
62) attachment to wealth
63) the *love* of money (not money in itself)
64) i) do good works, ii) be generous, iii) be ready to share
65) treasure, foundation
66) poor
67) beyond
68) Sharing
69) Luxury
70) Loving
71) shares
72) fear

73) financial, above
74) over, above
75) master, slave
76) Capitalism
77) moral
78) amoral, immoral
79) leaves, healing
80) i) spiritual (not knowing God loves them)
ii) relational (*our* Father) iii) motivational (don't believe God will give us bread daily) iv) material (don't have something to eat)
81) spiritually, relationally
82) motivationally, materially
83) contribute
84) together
85) community, divided, united
86) together
87) i) nations that are poor have no wealth
ii) poor persons are the problem
88) solution
89) system, exploit, opportunity
90) multiplied
91) testimony, believe