

We Have Our Limits

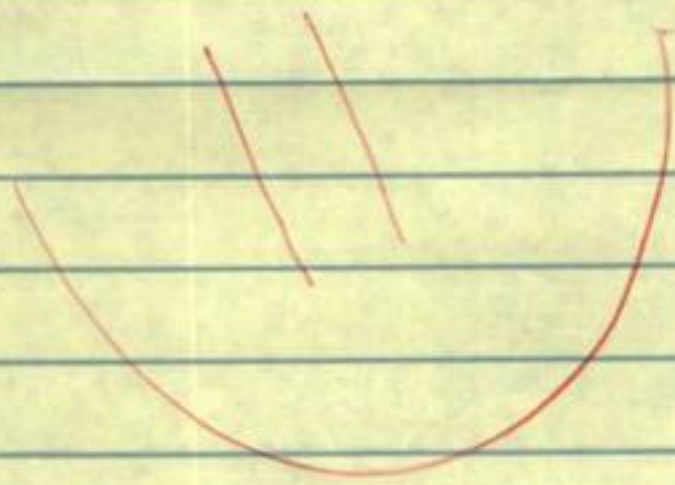
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"The blessing of the Lord, it makes one rich." That is the literal translation of the verse: "The blessing of the Lord brings wealth." And Solomon wrote that powerful statement to make it abundantly clear that our resources - no matter how abundant they may be - are limited by God. It is our Heavenly Father who is faithful and who has the final word on riches and who gets them and when they will get them.

No matter how hard we try, how many hours we work, what we do, or the skills we possess, we - in and of ourselves - cannot produce wealth. All the wealth in the world cannot make one rich. If God does not add His blessing to whatever we have we are, in His sight, poor. On the other hand, one may have some of this world's goods, yet be rich. How can this be? Rich but not rich? Poor and yet rich? It certainly seems to be contradictory.

But it isn't. Rich is in the eye of the beholder. Throughout his Proverbs, Solomon warns us that if we get the riches of this world through methods that are dishonest or deceitful, unfair and unjust, many problems will come with them. These problems may range from psychological to physical, legal to financial, personal to interpersonal or relationship issues.

Godly living, God-honoring work and God centered practices bring joy and satisfaction, peace and true prosperity with them to the one who lives for the Lord. God's riches come with His blessings. They are free of fear and the consequences that come with disobedience.



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