

But—what if you're not?



Here is a story from the Bible about a rich man who asked an important question to Jesus.

He was a good, moral person who had achieved wealth and importance in his community.

But he still wanted more.

He wasn't satisfied...



The Rich Man

As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments:

'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother."



"Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young."

Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him.

"There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."



Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!"

This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to

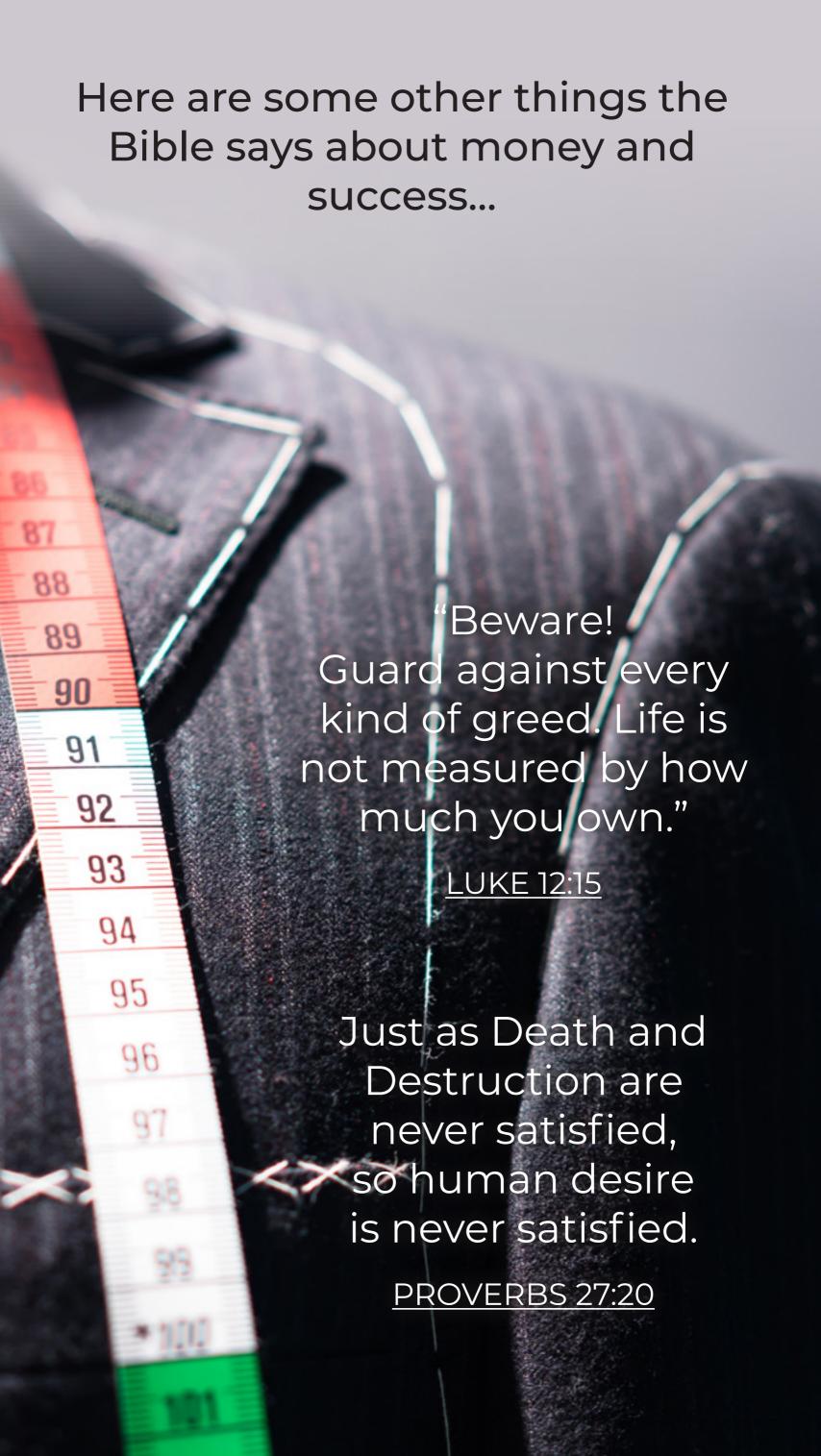
enter the
Kingdom of
God. In fact, it
is easier for a
camel to go
through the eye
of a needle than for
a rich person to enter
the Kingdom of God!"

The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked.

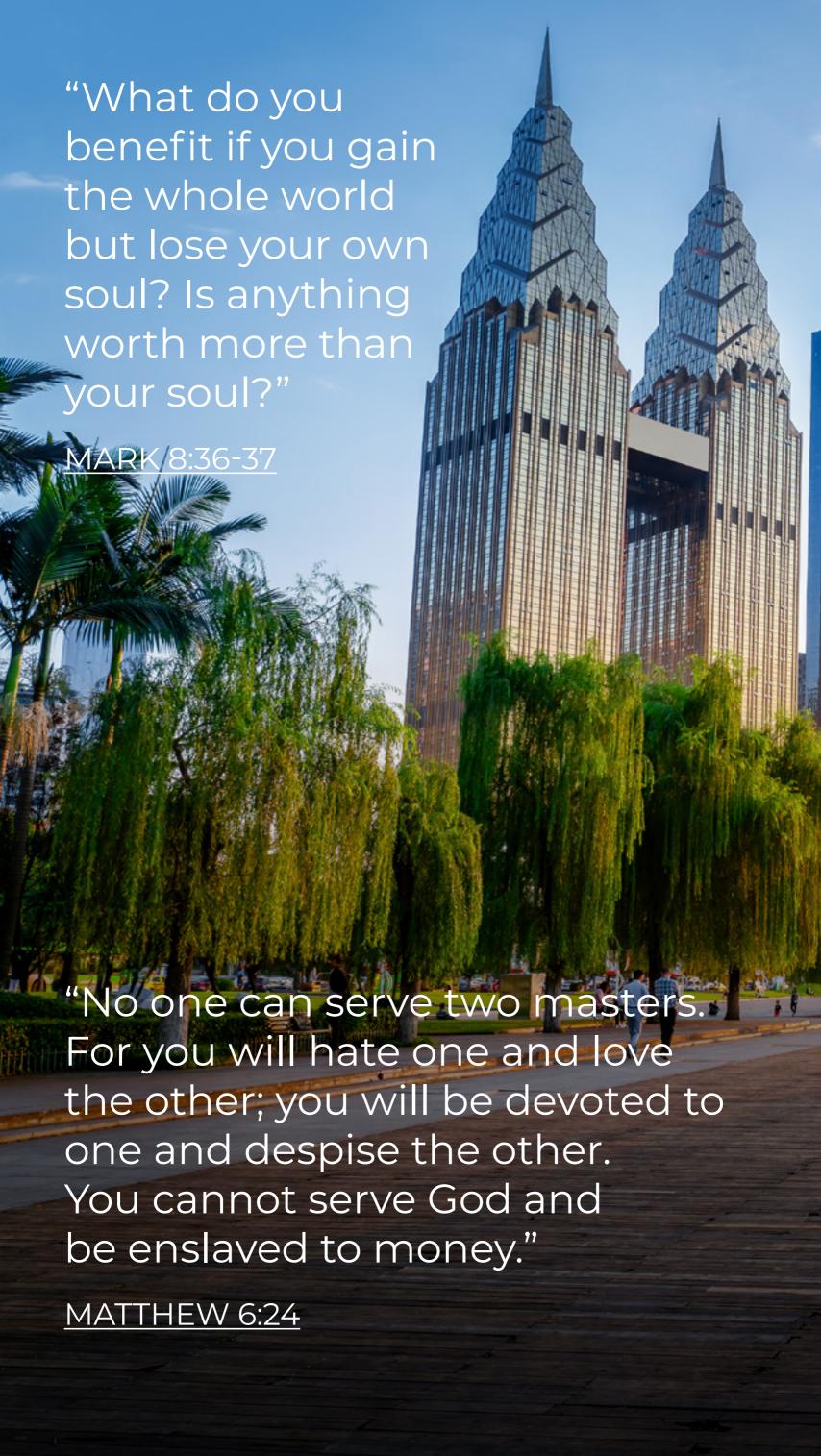
Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

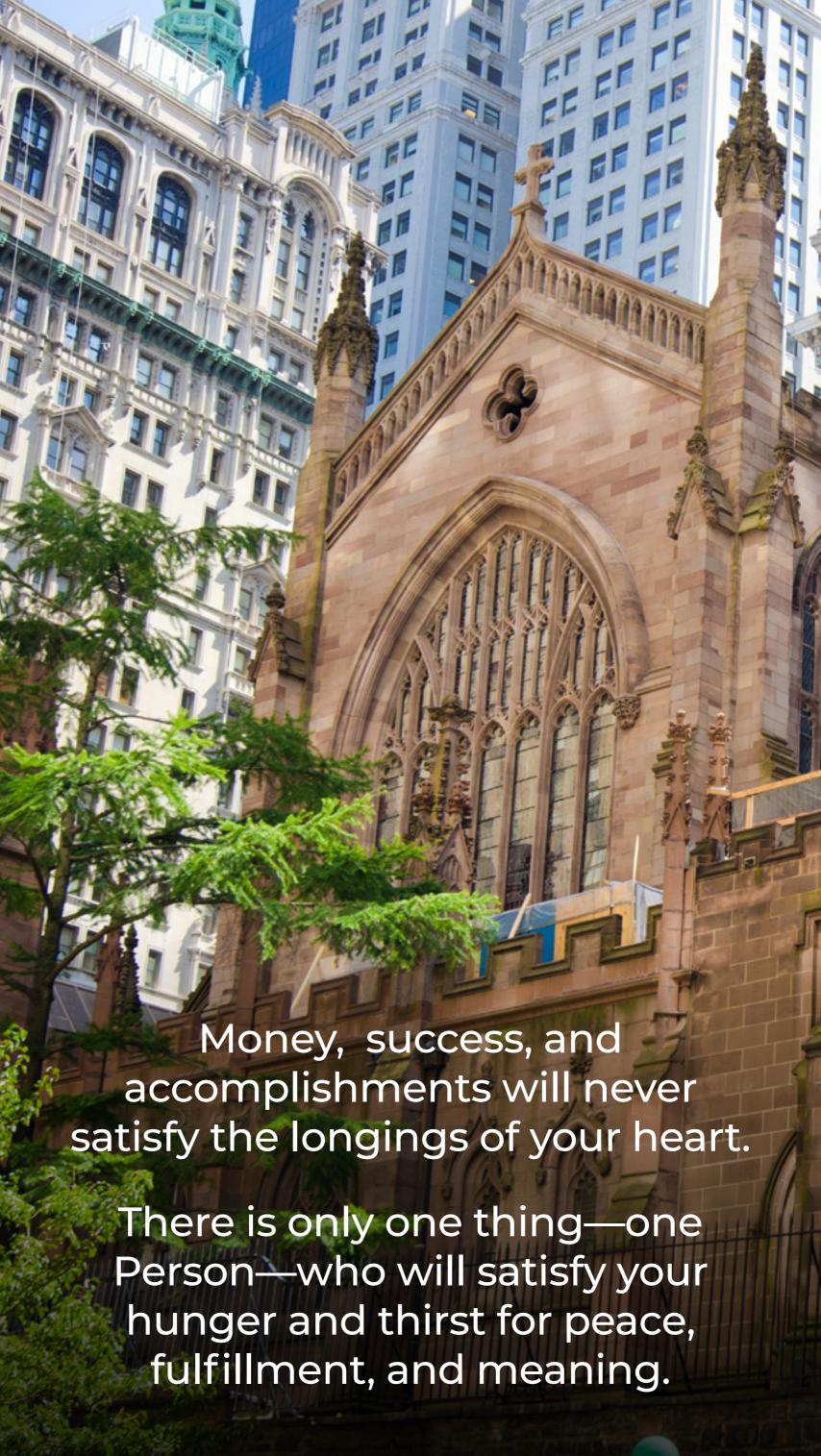
MARK 10:17-27

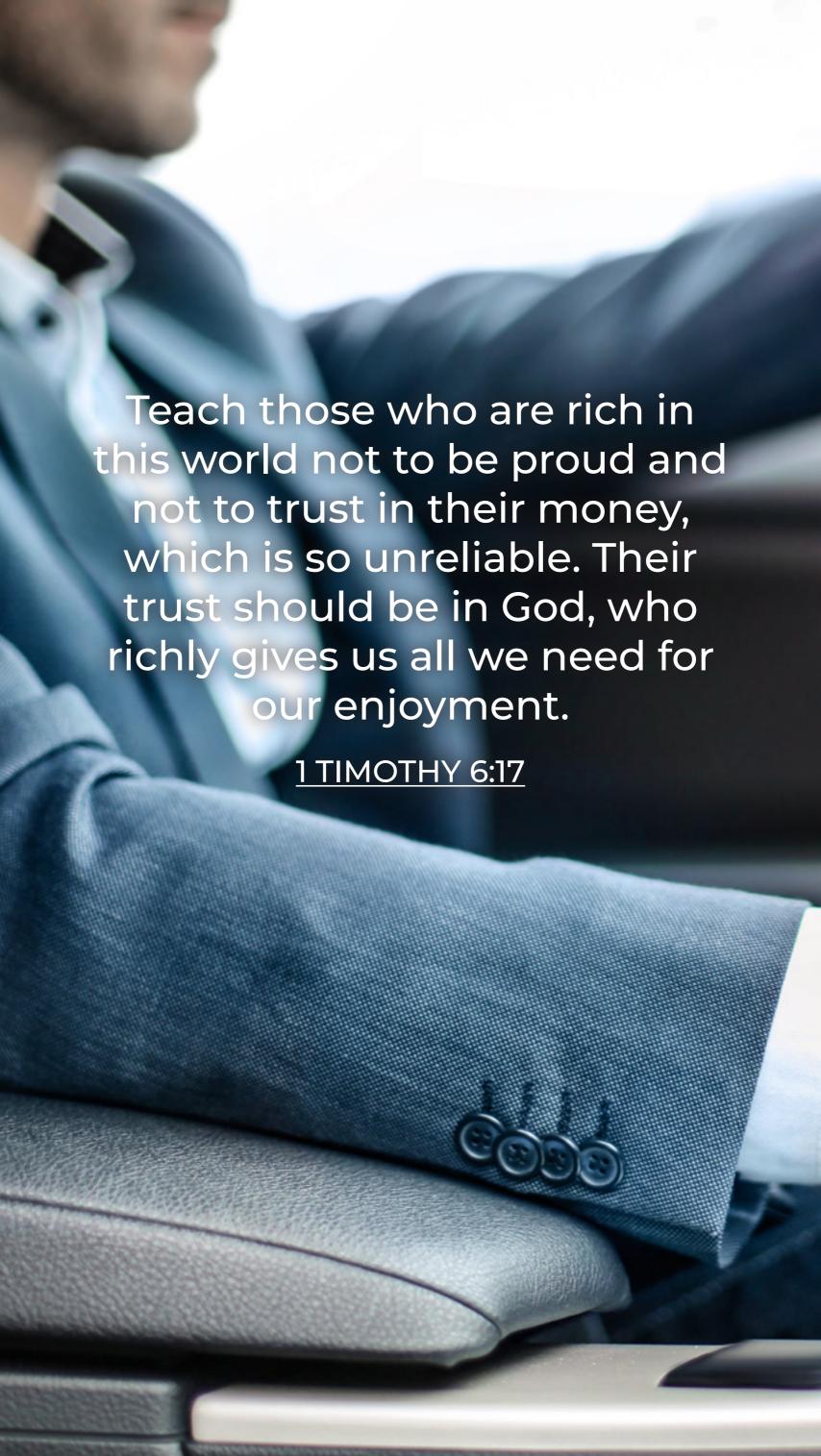












After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

1 TIMOTHY 6:7-8

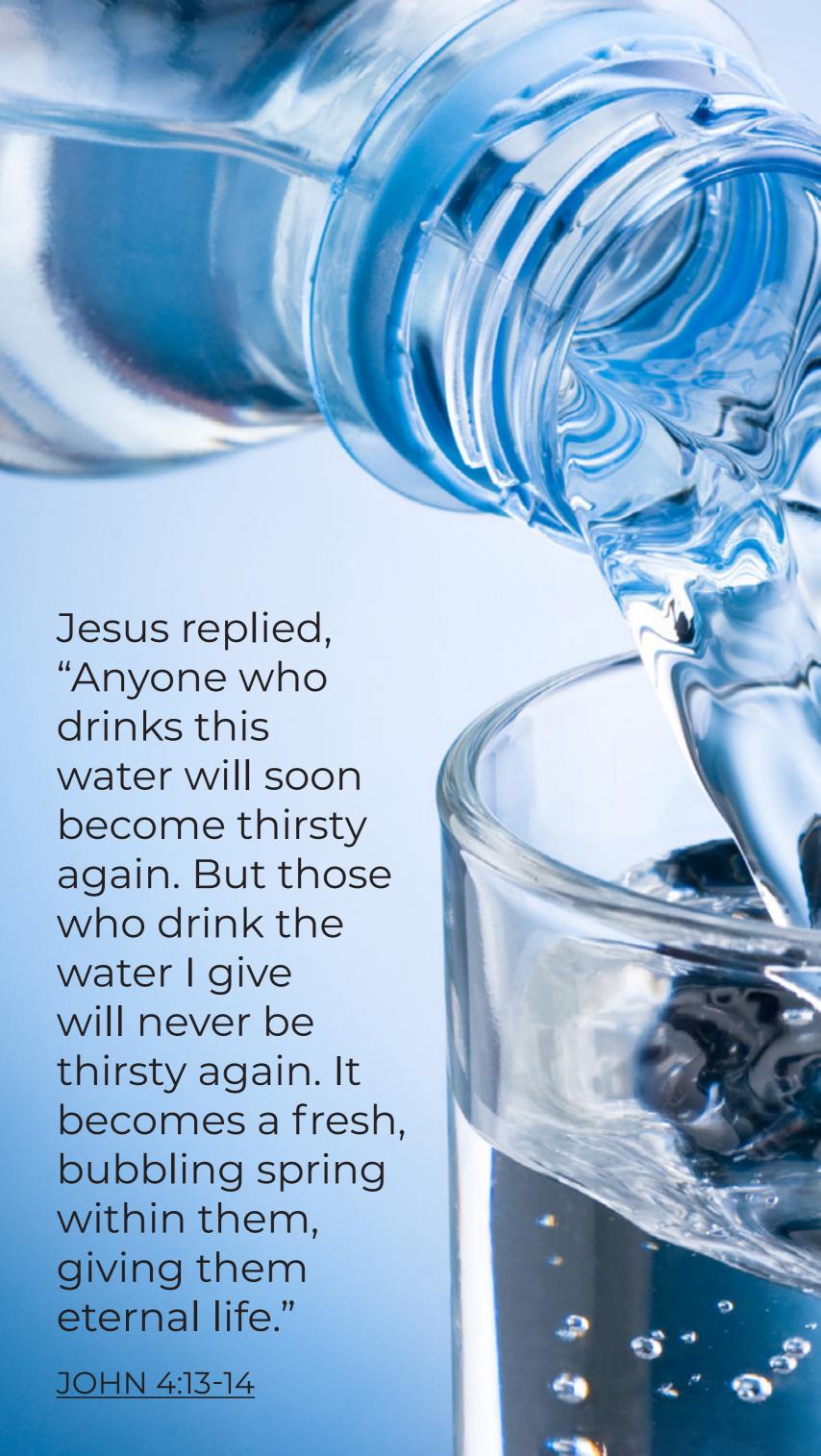


Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. Take delight in the LORD...

PSALM 37:3-5

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9



If you are ready to stop chasing after things that end up leaving you feeling empty, you can choose a different path.

The journey of your life can be filled with hope and purpose—if you choose to surrender to the One who has been pursuing you since you were born.



So Jesus told them this story:

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?

And when he has
found it, he will
joyfully carry it home
on his shoulders. When
he arrives, he will call together
his friends and neighbors,
saying, 'Rejoice with me because
I have found my lost sheep.'

In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!"

LUKE 15:3-7



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