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JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“How To Get Rich Quick” – Part 2

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Philippians 4:10-13

But I **rejoiced** in the Lord **greatly** that now at last your **care** for me has **flourished** again; though you surely did care, but you lacked **opportunity**. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for **I have learned** in **whatever** state I am, to be **content**: 12 I know how to be **abased**, and I know how to **abound**. **Everywhere** and in **all things** I have **learned** both to be **full** and to be **hungry**, both to **abound** and to suffer **need**.

13 I **can** do all things through Christ who **strengthens** me.

How does God communicate to us His will and word?

This He has done through the Incarnation of that will and His word – Jesus Christ.

Through Christ Jesus, God has manifested the pattern, standard of what the heavenly man is to be like. - Jesus is our example.

And the example He has given us, is that we are to live, speak and do as He did and to understand that God is good, heaven is holy and evil hurts.

And we live in a world that is dying at the hands of sin.

And this sinful world is a world of suffering – But God...

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1.) **Look for God-ordained opportunities** around you vs. 10-11

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1a.) They are **supplied** by God **for** you vs. 10

1b.) They are **designed** by God **through** you vs. 11

Ephesians 2:10

For we are **His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God **prepared beforehand** that we should **walk in them**

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2.) **Invest in** that which cannot be taken from you vs. 12

2a.) We have **received** an inheritance vs. 12a

I **know** how to - be **abased**, and
I **know** how to – **abound**

abased grk: tapeinoo, tap-i-no´-o;

to be set-back. To be pressed down, to be weighed down. A form of humiliation. To be humbled, reduced, made to be less in the eyes of others (self included). Suffer.

abound grk: perisseuo, per-is-syoo´-o;

to superabound both in quantity and quality. To be in excess of, a super abundance of what is good and lasting. Abounding in that which endures.

The “abasement” part

**How do we invest the losses, the down turns,
the heartbreaks of our lives ?**

by asking the right questions: “Lord where in Your Word is the answer to my dilemma. Lord, How do I apply this answer? Lord, give me the power to do it.

If a Pearl or Diamond could talk...

**“Hardship, Difficulty, Suffering is what they would be thankful
for because it was the source of their creation”**

Irritants and pressures are what shape us !

but is it really the irritation or the pressure alone that does this ?

**absolutely not – it’s how we approach, deal with, use the
irritation and the pressure.**

This is a “**Lost Episode of The Christian Life**” when it comes to “learning how to live life successfully while winning and losing.”

**We must learn how to suffer well and
with expectation of the gift that comes from it.**

It’s true – suffering for the Christian is a gift from God because of what it brings us.

"We have received an inheritance"

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 **You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.** 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

"We have received an inheritance"

Deuteronomy 6:7

You shall teach them (from the very beginning) **diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house** (a personal, common, ongoing conversation about God), **when you walk by the way**, (everyday situations and circumstances) **when you lie down** (reflection, recall, lesson, take-away's), **and when you rise up.** (putting His eyes and thoughts and His plans before my own. surrendering the day to God in advance)

From Sun-up to Sun-down. From Sleep to Sleep...

Romans 8:17

and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, **if indeed we suffer with Him**, that we may also be glorified together.

Philippians 1:29

For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also **to suffer for His sake**,

Philippians 3:8

Yet indeed I also count **all things loss** for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have **suffered the loss of all things**, and count them as rubbish, - that I may **gain** Christ

There are great dangers when being in need.

We are tempted to worry when we're in need.
We are tempted to complain when we're in need.
We are tempted to covet when we're in need.

Verse 12a

I **know** how to – **abound**

abound grk: **perisseuo, per-is-syoo´-o;**

to superabound both in quantity and quality. To be in excess of, a super abundance of what is good and lasting. Abounding in that which endures.

How do we invest the gains, the up-swings, the good times ?

by asking the right questions: “Lord where in Your Word is the answer to this blessing. Lord, How do I apply the answer? Lord, give me the wisdom to do it.

We must teach ourselves & our children – that the good things of life, the blessings - must all be managed and tended to Responsibly.

“Lord, at this season of my life (with either lot’s or not’s)
I deposit these things into your living trust.

It was asked of Socrates

“*Who is a wealthy man*”? to which Socrates replied;
“*He who desires the least.*”

*Not to contradict Socrates but – we need to consider
“the finer print of self-control”*

1 Timothy 6:6-7

Now **godliness** with **contentment** is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Psalm 27:4-5

One thing **I have desired** of the LORD, **That will I seek**: That **I may dwell** in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, **To behold the beauty** of the LORD, And **to inquire in His temple**. **5** For in **the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion**; In **the secret place** of His tabernacle (no other way of entering there - but thru suffering) **He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.**

There are great dangers when being in plenty.

How could Paul enjoy this level of stability & security ?

Remember – He (#1) had met Jesus at his conversion. (#2) He was convinced of his calling. (#3) He wanted to live for God’s glory. (#4) He desired to live a life for God all the time and in every situation.

**He didn't own anything anymore.
(and anything that he did have - had no grip on him)**

Psalm 24:1 & 1 Corinthians 10:26

The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell in it.

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Invest in that which cannot be taken from you.

2b.) We have that which can **never be lost**

vs. 12b

Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry,
both to abound and to suffer need.

**Real-Christianity is Real-Ministry is Real-Life.
Real-Jesus ministry is all about other People –**

Full grk: **chortazo**, *chor-tad'-zo*;

to gorge with a supply food in abundance, to feed, to fill, to satisfy.

Hungry grk: **peinao**, *pi-nah'-o*;

to pinch, slide, sift apart or to pick apart to the bone. to famish, to crave: — be in great hunger.

The “Acts” of God are Always at work

When the Masses were hungry

He fed them fish tacos.

When the Disciples were hungry

He sent them to buy food.

When the Israelites were hungry

He dropped manna from the sky.

“We have that which can never be lost”

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose.

- **Jim Elliot, Missionary to Ecuador**

Mark 8:35-37

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Whatever possessions we might have, we're to use them and not the other way around. We are to be masters over them as stewards of the Lord's use - in their proper context = they are tools

Matthew 6:19-21 NLT

“Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **21** Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

A word of instruction, exhortation to the millennials,

For the Christian;

Our Investments incorporate both worlds.

(the economy of the spirit and the economy of the world)

1. Giving keeps us **needy** before God.
2. Giving keeps **our hearts** in the right place.
3. Giving keeps us **connected to others** within the fellowship.
4. Giving keeps us **in the ministry**.
5. Giving keeps us **spreading the word** to the world.
6. Giving keeps us **committed** to the work.
7. Giving keeps us united **with others in worship**.

A culture of entitlement, independence from God, sound bites and rumors, have all contributed to coming bankruptcy of the millennial church generation.

“We have that which can never be lost”

Suffering is one of God's primary means of drawing his people into closer fellowship and intimacy with Jesus, because in suffering we have no place else to turn than to Christ who has gone before us.

1 Peter 4:12-14

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; **13** but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. **14** If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

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3.) Rest in what the Lord has appointed you vs. 13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

3a.) Wealth in Him means **confidence**

vs. 13a

I can do all things through (in, of) Christ
who strengthens me.

By “Rest” I mean “Be Satisfied”

with what and where you are (in that moment and all along the way)

Psalm 37:23-24

The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their
lives. **24** Though they stumble, they will never fall,
for the LORD holds them by the hand.

1. **Question? - - Are you that godly man or woman ?**
2. **Question? - - Do you know what I am talking about ?**

*What Jesus Christ will be calling you to do, will be bigger
than you. you will need Him all along the way.*

Here's the key to living a fulfilling life;

Let God do with you what is impossible for you to do yourself.

Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny
- **C.S. Lewis**

God is not going to require anything from you
that He Himself did not first call you to do, equip you to do and
empower you to do. All is of God !

Faith endures as seeing Him who is invisible; endures the disappointments, the
hardships, and the heart-aches of life, by recognizing that all comes from the hand
of Him who is too wise to err and too loving to be unkind.
- **A. W. Pink**

Much like prayer.

“Wealth in Him means **confidence**,” the kind of confidence that is
based upon **His word and His will being done.**

I can do all things through (in, of) Christ
who strengthens me. (because those things are in accordance with His perfect will.)

There is no greater thriller or action book like the Bible.

We love the accounts and the events and the acts of great courage and victory in the most impossible situations – *so long as we are reading about them* : /

“All Things” are Father-Filtered in Christ.

When we do, we will be more than effective Christians – we will know that whatever God invites us to do will be done because He will be the One doing it.

Ephesians 3:20 NLT

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

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Rest in what the Lord has appointed you.

3b.) Wealth in Him brings **influence**

vs. 13b

I **can** do all things through Christ
who **strengthens** me.

The LORD will give you **that which cannot be bought** with the money. If money could buy happiness, then **Hollywood** and **Wall Street** would be the Happiest places on earth.

2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I **take pleasure** in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For (because) **when I am weak, then I am strong.**

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Rest in what the Lord has appointed you.

3c.) Wealth in Him results in **power**

vs. 13c

I **can** do all things through Christ
who **strengthens** me.

COME TO JESUS TODAY

The Cross, The Christ, The Call

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