

SINGLE MEN: AND THE INANCIAL/MATERIAL REALM

“AS POOR, YET MAKING MANY RICH!” —2 Cor 6:10

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“YET FOR YOUR SAKES HE BECAME POOR” —2 COR 8:9

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEN WHO HAVE INVESTED THEIR LIVES IN OTHERS...

AND HAVE BECOME FINANCIALLY & MATERIALLY POORER FOR THE SAKE OF MAKING OTHER'S BETTER CARED FOR IN THIS

WORLD. (Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9)

...AND HAVE FOLLOWED THE PATTERN OF OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, WHO GAVE ALL WITHOUT DUE CONCERN FOR HIMSELF IN HIS HUMAN LIFE. PLEASE READ THIS WITH ME:

“FOR YOU KNOW THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT, THOUGH HE WAS RICH, FOR YOUR SAKES HE BECAME POOR, THAT YOU THROUGH HIS POVERTY MIGHT BE RICH”

YOU HAVE DONE WHAT YOU COULD, & STILL DO, TO PROVIDE FOR FAMILY, CHURCH, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, EVEN EX WIFE, IN WAYS THAT HAVE NEARLY IMPOVERISHED YOU.

NOW, AS YOU ARE GETTING OLDER, YOU REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE NOT SAVED OR PROSPERED IN SUCH A FINANCIAL/MATERIAL WAY THAT YOU COULD MARRY AND CARE FOR A WIFE EVEN FINANCIALLY/MATERIALLY TO YOUR OWN SATISFACTION OR TO HERS.

PERHAPS YOU HAVE SERVED IN MANY WAYS AND PLACES, THAT YOU HAVE SEEN THE NEEDS. AND YOU HAVE SO OFTEN JUST VOLUNTEERED YOUR TIME AND STRENGTH TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE GET ALONG... SAVING THEM FROM HAVING TO DO THINGS THEMSELVES AND BE OVERBURDENED.

I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUSNESS AND SELF-SACRIFICE ON BEHALF OF SO MANY! —LET'S READ ON NOW:

“HOW THAT IN A GREAT TRIAL OF AFFLICTION THE ABUNDANCE OF THEIR JOY AND DEEP POVERTY ABOUNDED UNTO THE RICHES OF THEIR LIBERALITY.” — 2 Cor 8:2.

“THOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH MUCH TROUBLE AND HARD TIMES, THEY HAVE MIXED THEIR WONDERFUL JOY WITH THEIR DEEP POVERTY, AND THE RESULT HAS BEEN AN OVERFLOW OF GIVING TO OTHERS.

THEY GAVE NOT ONLY WHAT THEY COULD AFFORD, BUT FAR MORE... AND THEY DID IT BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO,...” 2 Corinthians 8:2-3. The Living Bible.

WHY? BECAUSE MEN ARE BUILT THAT WAY, AND THEY CARRY MUCH KINDNESS IN THEIR HEARTS FOR OTHERS, MORE NEEDY THAN THEY.

FOR SOME OF YOU, YOUR BODY IS WORN AND YOUR HEALTH HAS BEEN LARGELY SPENT TO THE POINT THAT YOUR CHANCE OF PROSPERITY DOESN'T LOOK SO SURE, THESE DAYS.

YOUR HOPE OF 'MARRIAGE?' AND OF 'NOT BEING ALONE' FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES, DOESN'T LOOK REAL PROMISING RIGHT NOW.

BUT I HAVE NEW ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOU!

WE WILL LOOK AT A FEW BIBLE VERSES NOW: PLEASE BEAR WITH ME...

PSALM 112:9 **“HE HAS DISPERSED, HE HAS GIVEN TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER, HIS HORN SHALL BE HONORED.”**

MEN LIKE YOU HAVE SCATTERED (DISPERSED) YOUR BOUNTY (WEALTH) TO SO MANY OF THE NEEDS OF OTHERS YOU'VE LOVED MORE THAN YOU'VE CARED FOR YOUR OWN LIVES, IN THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

YOUR LOVING KINDNESS AND MERCY TOWARD OTHERS IN NEED, HAS LEFT YOU A NAME OF HONOR BEFORE **THE EYES OF GOD**. YOUR RAYS OF LIGHT HAVE HELPED OTHERS TO SEE SOME BETTER DAYS COMING.

PROVERBS 13:7 **“THERE ARE THOSE WHO MAKE THEMSELVES RICH AND HAVE NOTHING. THERE ARE THOSE WHO MAKE THEMSELVES POOR, YET HAVE GREAT RICHES (TO OFFER TO OTHERS).”**

WOW! THIS SOUNDS LIKE QUITE A PARADOX, DOESN'T IT? IT QUESTIONS WHAT RICHES REALLY ARE?

THERE ARE MANY MEN WHO ACCUMULATE SO MUCH & YET THEY ARE NOT MADE WHOLE WITH ALL THEIR STUFF.

AND THERE ARE MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN TOO MUCH & APPEAR DESTITUTE, LACKING & NEEDY BEFORE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN. AND YET THEY HAVE ABUNDANCE ENOUGH. THEIR ABUNDANCE IS WITHIN THE SOUL, & FREELY SHARED WITH ALL.

BUT WILL WOMEN LOOK THAT DEEP? PROVERBS 14:20 **“THE POOR IS HATED BY HIS OWN NEIGHBOR, BUT THE RICH HAVE MANY FRIENDS”**

NOW, THIS IS RAW TRUTH, ISN'T IT?

THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD (EVEN SOME OF THE CHURCH) WILL RARELY BE FRIEND, LOVE OR MARRY THE MAN 'POOR' IN THEIR OWN SELFISH EYES.

THEY DO NOT THINK FOR EVEN A MOMENT **“BY ADDING MYSELF TO HIM, HE WILL BE MORE EMPOWERED TO SUCCEED. IN FACT, I WILL HELP HIM SUCCEED”...**

BUT THE MEN WHO HAVE MONEY, HAVE MANY **“Friends”** BESIDES THEIR WIVES. MEN WHO ACCUMULATE WEALTH ARE RARELY AT A LOSS FOR **“Friends”**.

BUT WE MUST LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT THIS WORD **“Friends.”**

It Is A Hebrew Word “aw-hab’, aw-habe’ ” Which is somewhat surprising. It does mean ‘to like, ‘to have affection for’ (Sexually or otherwise).

THAT LAST PART WAS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISING TO ME. BUT WE DO SEE **THAT** ALL OVER THE WORLD, THESE DAYS

HOW MANY SINGLE WOMEN TELL MEN 'WHO LACK THE MEANS' THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR... **“I HAVE NO CHEMISTRY WITH YOU?”** AND YOU WONDER...

WOMEN CAN MAKE THEMSELVES QUITE AFFECTIONATE AND AVAILABLE TO A MAN OF MEANS, HOPING FOR A 'SUGAR DADDY'.

BUT, WE MEN, ARE WELL AWARE OF THE MOTIVES FOR SUCH **“Friendships”** OFFERED BY THESE KINDS OF CLIMBING WOMEN AFTER THE MEN OF FINANCIAL/MATERIAL MEANS.

THESE WOMAN LOOK FOR A MAN TO BE **THEIR 'HELPMATE'**. IT IS MUCH ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN GET **FROM** THE MAN.

AS MEN, WE ENDURE RAW TRUTH MORE READILY THAN THE SWEET SOUNDING LIES.

BUT NOW, TO ROUND THIS TRUTH OFF WITH ADDITIONAL TRUTH:

“COMMAND THOSE WHO ARE RICH IN THIS PRESENT AGE NOT TO BE HAUGHTY, NOR TO TRUST IN UNCERTAIN RICHES BUT IN THE LIVING GOD, WHO GIVES US RICHLY ALL THINGS TO ENJOY. LET THEM DO GOOD, THAT THEY MAY BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, READY TO GIVE, WILLING TO SHARE, STORING UP FOR THEMSELVES A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE TIME TO COME, THAT THEY MAY LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE.” —1ST TIMOTHY 6:17-19 KJV.

AND FINALLY, YOU **HUMBLE MEN OF VALOR**, WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH AND HAVE LAID UP A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE DAYS TO COME, YOU ARE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, NO MATTER YOUR PRESENT PERSONAL BANK ACCOUNT, **ETERNAL LIFE IS YOURS IN JESUS CHRIST!**

I SALUTE YOU MEN OF TRUE VALOR, THIS DAY! —WJP.