

TRUE POVERTY TRUE WEALTH

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LUKE 6:17-26

INTRODUCTION

What encouragements or challenges have you had from God's Word over the last week?

Have you seen any answers to prayer?

Any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord?

Before today's Bible's study spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and praying for one another.

STUDY

As you begin your study turn back to Mary's song in **Luke 1:51-55**.

The coming of Christ and of God's Kingdom into the world fulfils God's promise of a great reversal. The Lord Jesus will turn the world upside down (or perhaps better, the right way up!) We will either find ourselves 'scattered' and 'brought down' (verses 51-52), or 'lifted up' and 'filled' (verses 52-53). Our eternal destiny will depend on our response to Christ Himself.

With this in mind, read Christ's teaching in Luke 6:20-26.

1. As we look at Christ's teaching in verses 20-23, why is it important to pay attention to the beginning of verse 20? How does this context help us understand verses 20-23 properly? What is the right attitude shown by poor followers of Christ that we should all display?
2. By contrast, who are the rich described in verses 24-26? What are the wrong attitudes displayed here? Wealth is a blessing, but if we are materially comfortable now, what danger must we must beware of?
3. From the Lord's teaching in this passage, complete the following sentences:
'True wealth is...' // 'True poverty is...'
4. Practically, how can we make sure that, whatever our material wealth, we live with the attitude shown by the poor in verses 20-23?

PRAY

Pray about this together.

Thank the Lord for the money and material blessings He has given you. Pray that the way we each view and spend our money would show where our hearts are really fixed.

In our church's Stewardship season pray the Lord would give you a generous heart.

Pray we would all be giving generously as a church family.