

## 引言 INTRODUCTION

Success in life is like climbing up a high mountain. It is thrilling to get to the top. But you spend most of the time on the ground to plan for the next goal. In 1953, a New Zealander named Edmund Hillary and a Nepalese named Tenzing Norgay became the first people to conquer Mt. Everest. Hillary was only 33 years old when he did that. Later, he also reached the north and south poles. Hillary became the first explorer to visit both poles and the Everest summit. Fame and fortune came with those great achievements. Hillary was granted a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II of England, making him Sir Edmund Hillary. He even appeared on the \$5 New Zealand banknote. Hillary passed away in 2008 at the age of 88. How did he make use of his time and wealth after Everest? Of course, he made several other expeditions. He also founded the Himalayan Trust in 1960 to improve the welfare of the Nepalese in the area. Today, Nepal is still among the poorest countries in the world. Through his efforts, Hillary helped build many schools and hospitals in the mountain region. Hillary used his success to bless others. Today we will talk about wealth based on the Proverbs. Someone said there are three major questions about money. First, how do you get it? Do you earn it by hard work or through unethical means? Second, how do you use it? Do you indulge in a luxury life or do you use your wealth to help others? Third, what does it do to you? Does it make you crave for more or does it increase your thankfulness to God? Let us keep in mind a few things in our study: money is a gift from God, a tool to serve others and an indicator of our values.

## 解釋 EXPLANATION

## 1. 飲水思源 Remember the Source

The first thing we should remember is the source of our wealth. All that we have is from God. He only gives us good things. Proverbs 10:22 says: **The blessing of the Lord brings wealth, and he adds no trouble it.** God gives us wealth, not worry. Why do we worry about money? There can be various reasons to that. Sometimes, we worry that we do not have enough. Perhaps you only have a meager income, and you have a few mouths to feed. Other people worry about their finance out of greed. They always want more. On the other end of the spectrum, some people worry even when they have a lot. They worry that some bad guys may steal or cheat their money. They also worry about depreciation and loss in their investments. Very likely, the wealthier they are, the stingier they become. One famous fictional character during the Christmas season is Mr. Scrooge. He was a rich but mean person. He lived an isolated and miserable life. He never celebrated Christmas because he thought it was a waste of money. Scrooge was later visited by three Christmas spirits who told him about his past, present and future, respectively. The spirit of the future warned Scrooge that his selfishness would cause him a lonely death. People would steal his money and debtors would rejoice over his passing. Scrooge was scared by the message. He begged the spirit that he would change. Then Scrooge woke up from the dream on Christmas day. He turned 180 degrees to become a kind and generous person. The story comes to a happy ending. We do not need to be rich before we can become generous. The world tells us that we are the boss of everything we own. But the Bible tells us that God is our Master, and we are only managers of the money He entrusts us. Therefore, a proper relationship with God will lead to a

proper view over money. Proverbs 22:4 tells us: **Humility and the fear of the Lord brings wealth and honor and life.** We fear God by listening to His instructions in our daily life. We will give Him an account when we see Him in glory. Doing God's will should not be a grudging duty. Rather, it will be a joyful experience. God will reward us with wealth, honor and life when we fear Him. It does not mean that every Christian will be super rich. But we will be wealthy in God's eyes. He will also give us life, which can be understood as health. It will not be a blessing to be rich if we lack the vitality to enjoy it. Besides wealth and life, we will receive honor. God's heart will be pleased when we put Him at the center of our life. We will also be respected by others when we live a godly life. How can we honor Him with our money? Proverbs 3:9-10 teach us: **9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.** Notice the order of things here. We should give our firstfruits to the Lord first, then He will give us more blessings. We know how the prosperity preachers misuse this promise. They ask people to donate money to them first, then God will repay them. It turns offering into an investment scheme or a slot-machine. You have to chip in your money first, then a reward will come to you. It promotes greed but not humility. God should be the focus, not us! In Biblical time, the Levites served God. They did not have their own land and properties. Therefore, the harvests and animals the other eleven tribes offered to God would support the livelihood of the Levites. In the modern world, we call churches non-profit organizations. They rely on the contributions from believers to pay bills. It is a privilege to give, not an obligation. It is like grown-up kids support their parents financially. They will cover the cost if a refrigerator or air-conditioner breaks down, or when dad and mom have a major medical bill. They are willing to do so because they belong to the same family. Similarly, we should treat this place as our spiritual home. You should support this family joyfully, whether with money, time or effort. There must be willingness and gratefulness in your heart when you drop your money into the offering box. The passage asks you to give your firstfruits, not leftover. It is a matter of faith to trust that God will provide for all of your needs when you honor Him first. Then the amount you give will reflect your love toward God.

## 2. 別忘施恩 Remember to Share

We have to remember that God is the source of our wealth. Secondly, we should remember to share God's blessing with others. Look at Proverbs 11:24-25 – **24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.** Those who share their resources with others will be blessed. We honor God by using what He gives us to help others in need. The Old Testament Law expects the Israelites to share their resources with the poor. For example, they should not charge any interest when they lent money to fellow Israelites. Deuteronomy 24:19 also teaches: **“When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.”** The three groups of people mentioned here were the poorest ones in the society. They had little resources to make a living. God told His people not to reap everything clean in the field. Instead, they should leave some crops so that needy people could pick their food. God would remember the kindness of those farmers. In the following verses, they were told to do the same thing when they harvested their olives and grapes. Then God gave them a good reason for showing compassion in verse 22: **“Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.”** The Israelites were slaves in a foreign

land before. God liberated them and made them His own people. They had experienced great mercy from God. Therefore, they should show mercy to others. God sent Jesus to save us from sin. God also gives us a new life, many precious promises in this life and a living hope for eternity. Those are priceless gifts. We should share God's love with others. Thankfully, we do have a lot of generous brothers and sisters in our midst. Our Christmas Child shoebox campaign was a success. Our Lottie Moon collection surpassed our goal last year. I am hoping that we will do the same this year. All those gifts and money received will be taken to overseas countries. Your generosity will not only bless people financially, it will also help spread the gospel. How joyfully it will be to know that people are saved because of your help! The same idea of sharing with the poor continues in the New Testament. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 that:

**6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.** In the context, Paul encourages the church in Corinth to help out the believers in Jerusalem. At that time, there was a famine. Paul says giving to the poor is like sowing seeds. God will multiply the money and resources you share with others to become greater blessing. God will bless the cheerful givers so that they will have a bigger capacity to do more good work. Then Proverbs 19:17 gives us another wonderful promise: **He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.** God will remember your kindness even when no one knows the beautiful things you do to somebody. This verse gave me much encouragement when I was in the seminary. Some brothers and sisters supported my family financially during those 3.5 years of difficult time. I was laid off from work. I had no income. My two boys were born in that period. God provided for all of our needs – food, tuition, mortgage and all the rest. I may not know everyone who had help me because they gave the money to a sister who deposited the fund for us. But God surely knew them, and He would bless them. The reward may not be money. They may not get a raise at work. God's blessing can be protection over our health and properties. For example, no one in your family suffers any major medical issue, you are safe on the roads, your car and everything in your home are running smoothly, there is no leak on the roof or no fallen tree. God blesses you by helping you save money and avoid troubles. Those are blessings too.

### 3. 知足是福 Remember Your Spare

We have to remember that God is the source of all our blessings. As we enjoy all the good gifts God has given us, we should remember to share them with the needy. Thirdly, the Proverbs also reminds us to remember that God provides us enough to spare. Hence, we should be content with what we already have. Look at Proverbs 15:16-17 – **16 Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil. 17 Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred.** The contrasts are self-explanatory. The author is not saying being rich and eating good food are bad things. As we say all along, prosperity is a blessing from God. The wisdom is that if one must pick between the sides, then it is better to live a humble life and be content. Having a healthy relationship with God and with our loved ones are more important than getting rich. Wealth may lead to hostility when there is a comparison solely based on what one has. The one who is richer may be filled with pride. The one who has less will show self-pity and envy. All those negative emotions will impact a relationship. Therefore, do not look at others.

Instead, look to the Lord with thankfulness. When our relationship with God is right, so will our relationship with people. Proverbs 30:7-9 express that thought in a prayer: **7 “Two things I ask of you, O Lord; do not refuse me before I die: 8 Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. 9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.”** Verse 1 tells us that this chapter was attributed by Agur, son of Jakeh. Bible scholars have various speculations about the identities of this father and son. They could be Arabs. But no one knows for sure who they are. It shows that God gives wisdom to all people, not just the Israelites. Agur asks for two things. First, he prays that God would give him honesty so that he would live an upright life. Our focus is on the second quality he asks the Lord for. Besides honesty, Agur also desires after humility. He prays that he would not become too wealthy or too poor. He may be prideful if he gets too rich. The result is that he does not feel that he needs God anymore. There are plenty of wealthy atheists in this world. They figure that they are too self-sufficient to need God. Agur also prays that he would not become too broke that he had to rob others to make ends meet. Agur saw the Lord as his Provider and he saw himself as a recipient of God’s blessings. Should we all not present the same prayer to God often? We should be thankful to God because He supplies our needs one day at a time. The Bible tells us to plan for our future but not to worry about tomorrow. Money can easily become our stumbling block. Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 6:8-9 that: **8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.** Money is God’s blessing, but the greed for money is a sin. Jesus said we can only serve God or money. We should let God be our Master, and we as servants to use money as a tool. Otherwise, money will become our master and we will become slaves. Only content people will give thanks to God. Most of us are considered middle-class people in the society. That is the standard in this country. You will realize how wealthy you actually are if you compare yourself with the people in many third world countries. In my upbringing, my parents and four siblings lived in an efficiency apartment of no more than 400 square feet. There was not even any bedroom. It was just a big open space. Our folding dining table also served as our desk. We kids simply put our homework and books away when it was time to eat. Little could I imagine that many years later I will have a multiple-bedroom house. Not only do I have a home, I even own the land. My wife and I also have two cars. There are plenty of food in my fridges and pantry. Every dresser and closet are full of clothes too. Very often, rich or poor is a matter of our perspective.

## 結果 CONCLUSION

Money is a gift from the Lord, a tool to serve others and an indicator of our values. The world measures our net worth by our assets. But God evaluates our richness by how willing we allow Him to use what we have. A group of boys were chatting what they wanted to become when they grew older. You can imagine the usual answers of scientist, astronaut and doctor. When it came to Louis’ turn, he said: “I want to be a philanthropist.” The other boys did not know what that was. Louis explained: “I heard that those people have a lot of money.” He was only partially correct. Philanthropists are those who seek to benefit others with their wealth. Whether we have a lot or a little, we can share what God gives us to enrich others’ lives. Someone put it this way: God gives us all we need, so we can give to those in need.

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成功就像攀登一座高山。登上頂峰是令人興奮的。但是你大部分時間都是在地面計劃下一個目標。1953年，新西蘭人埃德蒙·希拉里和尼泊爾人丹增·諾爾蓋成為第一批征服珠穆朗瑪峰的人。希拉里當時只有33歲。後來，他也到達了南北兩極。希拉里成為第一位到過兩極和珠穆朗瑪峰的探險家。成功帶給他名與利。英女王伊麗莎白二世授予希拉里爵位，使他成為爵士。他甚至出現在新西蘭5元的鈔票上。希拉里於2008年去世，享年88歲。珠峰之後，他如何使用自己的時間和財富的？當然，他還進行了其他探險。他還於1960年創立了喜馬拉雅信託基金，以改善該地區尼泊爾人的生活。直到今天，尼泊爾仍然是世界上最貧窮的國家之一。通過他的努力，希拉里在山區建立了許多學校和醫院。希拉里用他的成功來祝福他人。今天我們將根據箴言來談論財富。有人說，關於金錢有三個主要問題。首先，你如何獲得金錢？你是通過努力工作還是通過不道德的手段獲得的？第二，你怎樣使用金錢？你是只管奢侈地個人享受，還是你用財富來幫助別人？第三，金錢使你成為一個怎樣的人？它是讓你渴望得到更多，還是讓你更學會向神感恩？讓我們在今天的學習中記住以下幾點：金錢是神給予的禮物，是服務他人的工具，也是我們價值觀的指標。

## 解釋 EXPLANATION

### 1. 飲水思源 Remember the Source

我們應該記住的第一件事是要飲水思源。我們所有的一切都是從神而來的。神只會給我們好東西。箴言 10:22 說：**耶和華所賜的福使人富足，並不加上憂慮。**神賜給我們財富，而不是憂慮。我們為什麼會擔心錢？這可能有不同的原因。有時候，我們會擔心錢不夠。或許你只有微薄的收入，要養活一家幾口。有些人會貪得無厭，總是想要更多。另一方面，有些人即使擁有很多財富也會擔心。他們害怕壞人可能會偷竊或欺騙他們的錢。他們還擔心投資的貶值和損失。很可能，他們越富有，就越吝嗇。聖誕節期間一位著名的虛構人物是斯克羅吉先生。他是一個富有但有怪癖的人。他過著與世隔絕的孤單生活。他從不慶祝聖誕節，因為他認為那是浪費錢。後來，三位聖誕精靈拜訪了斯克羅吉，分別告訴他過去、現在和未來的事。未來的精靈警告斯克羅吉，他的自私會導致他孤獨地去世。人們會偷他的錢，欠債的人會為他的離世而高興。斯克羅吉被這個消息嚇壞了。他發誓說自己一定會改變的。然後斯克羅吉在聖誕節那天從夢中醒來。他180度轉變成一個善良大方的人。故事有一個圓滿的結局。我們不需要變得富有，才能做個慷慨的人。世界告訴我們，我們是自己的老闆。但是聖經告訴我們，神是我們的主，我們只是管理神託付給我們的

金錢。因此，與神建立正確的關係能使我們正確看待金錢。箴言 22:4 告訴我們：**敬畏耶和華心存謙卑，就得富有、尊榮、生命為賞賜。**我們在日常生活中聽從神的指示，來表達我們敬畏神。當我們在榮耀中見到神時，我們要向祂交賬。遵行神的旨意不應該是一種勉為其難的責任。相反，它應該是一個喜樂的經歷。當我們敬畏神時，神會以財富、尊榮和生命來獎賞我們。這並不意味著每個基督徒都會超級富有。但在神眼中，我們是富有的。神也會賜給我們生命，這可以理解為健康。如果我們無法享受財富，那麼富有就不是一種福氣。除了財富和生命，我們還會得到尊榮。當我們把神放在生命的中心時，祂的心就會喜悅。當我們過敬虔的生活時，也會受到別人的尊重。我們如何用我們的金錢來榮耀神？箴言 3:9-10 教導我們：**9 你要以財物和一切初熟的土產尊榮耶和華。10 這樣，你的倉房必充滿有餘；你的酒醱有新酒盈溢。**注意這裡的順序。我們應該先把初熟的果子獻給主，然後祂會給我們更多的祝福。我們知道成功神學的傳道人如何濫用這個應許。他們要求人們先捐錢給他們，然後神就會償還他們。他們把奉獻變成投資計劃或老虎機。你必須先投入你的錢，然後你才会有回報。它鼓勵人貪心，而不是謙卑自己。我們的焦點應該是神，而不是自己！在聖經的時代，利未人事奉神。他們沒有自己的土地和財產。因此，其他十一個支派獻給神的莊稼和牲畜將維持利未人的生計。在現代世界，我們稱教會為非營利機構。它們依靠信徒的奉獻來維持開支。奉獻是一項特權，而不是義務。這就像成年的孩子在經濟上支持他們的父母。如果冰箱或空調壞了，或者父母有大筆醫療費用，孩子們會願意分擔費用。他們樂意那樣做，是因為他們屬於同一個家庭。同樣，我們應該把這個地方當作我們的屬靈的家。你應該用金錢、時間和才智來支持這個家庭。當你把錢投入奉獻箱時，你必須帶著甘心樂意和感恩的心。這段經文要求你獻上初熟的果子，而不是剩下的。這是信心的功課；你先尊重神，相信神祂會供應你所有的需要。那麼你奉獻的金額將反映你對神的愛。

## 2. 別忘施恩 Remember to Share

我們必須記住，神是我們財富的源泉。其次，我們不要忘記向別人施恩。請看箴言 11:24-25 - **24 有施散的，卻更增添；有吝惜過度的，反致窮乏。25 好施捨的，必得豐裕；滋潤人的，必得滋潤。**那些與他人分享資源的人將會得到祝福。我們通過使用神賜給我們的東西來幫助有需要的人來榮耀神。舊約律法指示以色列人與窮人分享他們的資源。例如，當他們借錢給同胞時，他們不應該收取任何利息。申命記 24:19 也教導說：**「你在田間收割莊稼，若忘下一捆，不可回去再取，要留給寄居的與孤兒寡婦。這樣，耶和華—你神必在你手裏所辦的一切事上賜福與你。」**這裡所說的三類人，都是社會上最窮的人。他們幾乎沒有謀生的途徑。神告訴祂的子民不要把田裡的一切都收割乾淨。他們應該留下一些莊稼，以便有需要的人可以採摘食物。神會記住那些農民的恩典。在接下來的經文中，神告訴他們在收橄欖和葡萄時也要做同樣的事情。然後神在 22 節中給了他們一個施恩予別人的好理由：**「你也要記念你在埃及地作過奴僕，所以我吩咐你這樣行。」**以色列人以前在異鄉為

奴。神釋放了他們，使他們成為祂的子民。他們經歷了神極大的憐憫。因此，他們也應該憐憫別人。神差遣耶穌來拯救我們脫離罪惡。神也賜給我們新的生命、今生許多寶貴的應許和永恆的盼望。這些都是無價的禮物。我們應該與他人分享神的愛。感謝神，我們中間確實有很多慷慨的弟兄姐妹。我們的聖誕兒童鞋盒活動成功結束。我們的慕拉第聖誕奉獻去年超過了我們的目標。我希望今年也有同樣的結果。所有收到的禮物和金錢都將被用在海外事工。你的慷慨不僅會在經濟上祝福人們，還會幫助傳揚福音。如果你知道人們因你的幫助而得救，那是何等的喜樂！施恩予窮人的教導延續至新約。保羅在哥林多後書 9:6-8 中說：6「少種的少收，多種的多收」，這話是真的。7 各人要隨本心所酌定的，不要作難，不要勉強，因為捐得樂意的人是神所喜愛的。8 神能將各樣的恩惠多多地加給你們，使你們凡事常常充足，能多行各樣善事。在上下文中，保羅鼓勵哥林多教會幫助耶路撒冷的信徒。當時發生飢荒。保羅說施捨予窮人就像撒種。神會倍增你與他人分享的金錢和資源，從而成為更大的祝福。神會祝福那些捐得樂意的人，使他們有更大的能力去做更多的善事。然後，箴言 19:17 給了我們另一個美好的應許：憐憫貧窮的，就是借給耶和華；他的善行，耶和華必償還。即使沒有人知道你對某人所做的好事，神也會記住你的愛心。當我在神學院時，這節經文給了我很大的鼓勵。在這 3 年半的困難時期，一些弟兄姐妹在經濟上支持我的全家。當時我被解雇了，並沒有收入。我的兩個兒子就是在那個時期出生的。神供應了我們所有的需要：食物、學費、房貸和所有其他的開支。我可能不知道所有幫助過我的人，因為他們把錢交給一位姐妹，然後她幫我們存到銀行。但神肯定知道他們，祂一定會祝福他們。他們得到的回報不一定是金錢。他們可能得不到加薪。神的祝福可以是保護我們的健康和財產。例如，你的家人沒有任何重大的健康問題，你出入平安，你的車子和你家中的一切電器運作順暢，屋頂沒有漏水或沒有樹倒下來。神幫助你省錢和減少麻煩來祝福你。這些也是祝福。

### 3. 知足是福 Remember Your Spare

我們必須記住，神是我們所有祝福的源頭。當我們享受神賜給我們的所有賞賜時，我們必須記得與別人分享我們的資源。第三，箴言也提醒我們要記住，神賜給我們豐富的供應。因此，我們要學會知足是福。請看箴言 15:16-17 - 16 少有財寶，敬畏耶和華，強如多有財寶，煩亂不安。17 吃素菜，彼此相愛，強如吃肥牛，彼此相恨。這裡的對比很明顯。作者並不是說富有和吃好東西是壞事。正如我們一直所說的，富裕是神的祝福。但是，如果必須兩選一的話，那麼寧願過簡單並知足的生活。與神和我們所愛的人保持和諧的關係比財富更重要。當我們只根據財富來作比較時，可能會導致不和。富有的人可能會充滿驕傲。窮人便會感到自憐和嫉妒。所有這些負面情緒都會影響人際關係。因此，不要跟別人比較。應該以感恩的心仰望主。當我們與神的關係正確時，我們與人的關係也會正確。箴言 30:7-9 以一個禱告來表達了這個想法：7 我求你兩件事，在我未死之先，不要不賜給我：8 求你使

虛假和謊言遠離我；使我也不貧窮也不富足；賜給我需用的飲食，**9** 恐怕我飽足不認你，說：耶和華是誰呢？又恐怕我貧窮就偷竊，以致褻瀆我神的名。第 1 節告訴我們這一章是雅基的兒子亞古珥所寫的。聖經學者對這對父子的身份有各種猜測。他們可能是阿拉伯人。但沒有人確切地知道他們是誰。但起碼表明神將智慧賜給所有人，而不僅僅是以色列人。亞古珥要求兩件事。首先，他祈求神給他誠實的心，使他過正直的生活。我們的重點是他向主祈求的第二件事。除了誠實，亞古珥也渴望謙卑下來。他不希望自己會變得太富有或太窮。如果他變得太富有，他可能會感到驕傲。結果是他覺得自己不再需要神了。這個世界上有很多富有的無神論者。他們認為自己太自給自足，不需要神。亞古珥也祈求自己不會變得太窮，以至被迫靠搶劫維持生計。亞古珥將主視為他的供應者，他將自己視為被神祝福的人。我們豈不是應該經常向神獻上同樣的禱告嗎？我們應該感謝神，因為祂供應我們每天的需要。聖經告訴我們要為未來計劃，但不要為明天憂慮。金錢很容易成為我們的絆腳石。保羅在提摩太前書 6:8-9 告訴我們：**8** 只要有衣有食，就當知足。**9** 但那些想要發財的人，就陷在迷惑、落在網羅和許多無知有害的私慾裏，叫人沉在敗壞和滅亡中。金錢是神的祝福，但是貪錢是一種罪。耶穌說我們只能事奉神或事奉金錢。我們應該讓神做我們的主人，我們成為祂的僕人，然後視金錢為一個工具。否則，金錢將成為我們的主人，我們便成為奴隸。只有知足的人才會感謝神。我們大多數人都被定為是社會中的中產階級。這是這個國家的標準。如果我們將自己與許多第三世界國家的人作比較，我們就會意識到自己實際上是多麼富有的。在我的成長過程中，我的父母和四個兄弟姐妹住在一間不超過 400 平方英尺的公寓裡。那裡只有一個大的空間，甚至沒有房間。我們的折疊餐桌也用作我們的書桌。當要開飯時我們便把作業和書收起來。很難想像多年後我會擁有一棟幾個臥室的房子。我不僅有一個家，我甚至擁有一片土地。我和太太共有兩輛車子。我的冰箱和儲藏室裡有很多食物。每個衣櫃和壁櫥也都放滿了衣服。很多時候，貧富只是我們的觀點而已。

## 結果 CONCLUSION

金錢是神給予的禮物，是服務他人的工具，也是我們價值觀的指標。世界通過我們的資產來衡量我們的價值。但是神是看我們是否願意讓祂使用我們擁有的東西。一群男孩在談他們長大後想要做什麼職業。你可以想到一些通常的答案：科學家、太空人和醫生。輪到路易斯時，他說：「我想成為一名慈善家。」其他小孩不知道那是什麼。路易斯解釋說：「我聽說他們都是富翁。」他只是部分正確。慈善家是那些用自己的財富造福他人的人。無論我們擁有的是多還是少，我們都可以用神給我們的東西來幫助別人。有人是這樣說的：神給了我們所需的一切，使我們可以分給有需要的人。