

THE POVERTY OF LIFE  
REVELATION 2:8-10

Introduction:

- A. Much is given in the Bible on the subject of riches and poverty.
- B. Have you ever considered the real meaning of poverty?
- C. Poverty—Deficiency in necessary properties or desirable qualities or in a specific quality.
- D. Jesus taught many lessons concerning the rich and the poor.
  - 1. He spoke of many who had the world's goods as those who were deep in poverty.
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Proverbs 13:7

E. WHO IS THE POOR PERSON?

I. The One Who Is Destitute Of Good Works

A. I Timothy 6:17-19

- 1. The Bible is clear on the subject of arrogance. Romans 12:3
- 2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ must be in the Lord only.
  - a. All else is sure to fail.
  - b. The Rich Young Ruler did not have enough \_\_\_\_\_ to let go of his riches and put his \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.
  - c. Psalms 37:5    Psalms 55:22

B. I Timothy 6:18

- 1. The person who has not lost himself in \_\_\_\_\_ is a person given to poverty.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ went about doing good. Acts 10:38
- 3. It is the Christian's responsibility to be:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. The result: I Timothy 6:19

II. The Person Who Has Never Become A Christian And Has No Hope Of Heaven

- A. There is no poverty to be compared to the person who lives without the hope of going to heaven.

- B. Jesus left the riches of Heaven and became \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1. Why?
- 2. That we might have the \_\_\_\_\_ of going to Heaven.  
II Corinthians 8:9
- C. If you are not a Christian you are without \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ephesians 2:12
- D. There are many in the world today striving for that which is only  
\_\_\_\_\_  
1. Matthew 16:24      2. II Corinthians 4:18
- E. You may have the riches of this world, but if you don't have  
\_\_\_\_\_ you are in living in poverty.

### III. The One Who Has Fallen Away From Christ

- A. Revelation 3:15-18
- B. If you do not have Christ in your life you are immensely poor, and  
you are living in \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. It is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Real Poverty Is A Number Of Things

- A. It is having access to the \_\_\_\_\_, but not reading It.
- B. Its being exposed to \_\_\_\_\_, but not  
taking advantage of such opportunities.
- C. Its having a healthy mind and body, but having no purpose to engage  
them.
- D. Its having \_\_\_\_\_, but not using them in worthwhile  
efforts, or not using them at all.
- E. Those guilty of these are purposely living in spiritual poverty.
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ Does Not Want You To Be \_\_\_\_\_.

### V. What Can Make Us Rich?

- A. Accepting God's \_\_\_\_\_ and letting Him have  
\_\_\_\_\_ over your life.
- B. Christ came into the world to make us \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. This cannot happen unless we let Him.
- D. Matthew 6:33; Romans 12:1

### Conclusion:

- A. ARE YOU LIVING IN SPRITUAL POVERTY TODAY?
- B. IF YOU ARE WITHOUT CHRIST THEN YOU ARE  
SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT!

