



## True Riches eNewsletter

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11

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### Are You Living Like a "Bucket" or a "Pipe"?

by E. G. "Jay" Link

A rather odd metaphorical question, isn't it? It is only odd until you think about the purpose of a bucket and the purpose of a pipe. A bucket is designed to hold things (liquids, dirt, etc.). A pipe is designed to pass things through it (fluids, air, etc.). The bucket holds what it receives and the pipe transfers on what it receives. So, in regards to the wealth that God has so graciously entrusted to us, let me ask, "Are we living our life like a bucket or a pipe?" Are we holding on or passing on?

#### **The Bucket:**

It is easy enough to live like a bucket and there are three reasons why we can indeed find ourselves living like a bucket.

#### **#1: We can find ourselves living like a bucket when we ignore the ultimate end of all buckets.**

I saw a bumper sticker some time ago that read, "He who dies with the most toys wins." I thought what an accurate way to express the world's view of life and possessions. But it immediately occurred to me that yes, this is true if the game of life is all about accumulation. But the sad, tragedy is that he who dies with the most toys still dies and then someone else will get to play with all his toys. In other words, once you have won at the game of Monopoly, all the pieces go back into the box for someone else to play with in the next game.



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David reminds us in Psalm.49:16-17, "Do not be overawed when a man grows rich (when he has a big bucket and it is full), when the splendor of his house increases; for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him."

God condemns the rich farmer in Luke 12:20 for this very thing. "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared (what is left in your bucket)?' So is the man who stores up treasure for himself (kept his own bucket full), and is not rich toward God."

The fact is what we keep in our bucket will eventually leak out, be stolen, taxed, evaporate, or spilled out when you "kick the bucket." This should give us reason to pause as we consider the folly of living life like a bucket.

**#2: We can find ourselves living like a bucket when we bestow on ourselves "Most Important Person" status.**

[Read the rest of the article](#)

## Entitlements

by Os Hillman 05-21-2007

**Society today has duped many of us into believing that the world owes us**

*"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8)*

Society today has duped many of us into believing that the world owes us. It owes us a good living, a loving spouse, good health throughout our whole life, sexual pleasure when we want it, and paid vacations the rest of our lives. The world has told us if we work hard and do right, we are entitled to these things. This is the Esau perspective on life. For a mere meal, he sold his own birthright for a simple pleasure to which he felt entitled.

[Read the rest of the article](#)

## Local Ministry Events

**June-July** - Christ aCross America [53 day 3600 mile bike ride](#)

**June 1** - "[Virtuoso](#)" Affirmation Ballet Company

**June 8-9** - "Lord Heal Me" Conference - Operation Light Force [Register here](#)

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**June 15 - 23** - Mission Trip to Ecuador - Pasadena  
Presbyterian

**June 23** - CareFest Benefit Concert - [Somebody Cares Tampa Bay](#)

**July 15** - Sunday Gathering (Manila Team Returns) - The Underground Network

**July 15 - 21** - Mission Trip to Mississippi - Hyde Park  
Presbyterian

**Aug 12** - Prayer Gathering for the City - Tampa  
Underground Network

**Aug 26** - Rally Day at Hyde Park Presbyterian

If your ministry event isn't listed, let us know by [emailing Angie](#). We'd like to include all our ministry partners' events.

### **Donor Web New Features!**

In an ongoing effort to serve our donors, including our ministry partners, as effectively as possible, National Christian Foundation recently announced some new and exciting updates to the Donor Web!

**First** - electronic checks are now FREE! National Christian Foundation is absorbing the costs for all e-checks so any donation to your fund or a ministry fund will receive the full value of the donation.

**Second** - funds have been able to accept credit card donations for several months now but only donor web users could use this feature. NCF has rolled out the "Donate Now" button! This web page button, when incorporated into your ministry's website, allows your donors to go directly to your contribution page in your Donor Web fund! They can contribute to your fund either by credit card\*\* or electronic check. To receive this "Donate Now" button programming, send an email to [angie@clfinc.org](mailto:angie@clfinc.org). Requests are being accepted on a first come first served basis.

As a bonus, all electronic donations are immediately issued an electronic receipt....no waiting! We hope these new features will allow you to utilize donor web for all your charitable giving activities.

**\*\*Please note: Credit card donations will incur a fee!**  
The full value of the donation is tax deductible but the amount credited to your fund will be the donation minus the fee.

## Recommended Reading

### **Splitting Heirs: Giving Your Money and Things to Your Children without Ruining Their Lives**

*by Ron Blue & Jeremy White*



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