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## Slippery Path

I had the wrong perspective. I was looking at life from the wrong point of view. **How so?** I envied prosperity. I wanted great wealth. I looked around and compared myself with others. I wanted what I did not have. I was discontent. I was unsatisfied. I chased after riches. I pursued worldly wealth. No matter how much I had, it was never enough. I always wanted more. My heart and mind and life were consumed with desire for the things of this world. I suspected that others were living a far better life, filled with greater comfort and pleasure. I was wrong. I was stupid. I was ignorant. I was sadly misinformed. My hopes and dreams and values were all wrong. I was on a path that was headed nowhere. **Why is that?** I was on a slippery path walking away from you.

I have come to my senses. I have seen the error of my ways. **Tell me more about that.** I now know that the riches of this life are fleeting. I now know that worldly riches will not satisfy. I now know that acquiring all the wealth of this world would not leave me at peace and fill me with contentment. I would always want more. **Yes, you would.** I suspect that the desire for more is not all bad. I have come to believe that you have placed a desire in my heart and mind and life for something else, something different, something far better and more. **What is that desire that is in you?** It is my desire to know and love you. It is my desire to be rich in my relationship with you. **What would a rich relationship with me look like?** I want to hear your voice. I want to receive your counsel. I want to be guided by you. **How will that happen?** I will draw near to you. I will worship you with all that is within me. I want to live in a close and intimate relationship with you. To know you... To walk in your ways... To follow you... To go and do your will... To bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name... That is what a rich relationship with you would look like. That is what I want. That is what I will pursue. I want to live my life with and for you. My heart is filled with desire to know you and live this kind of life. **I will fulfill that desire within you.**

*Lord, I will not envy those who have gained great worldly wealth. I do not want to live a prideful, arrogant and wicked life. I do not want to be rich in worldly wealth. I want to be rich in my relationship with you. I want to be able to tell others of your goodness. Amen*



# Envied The Arrogant

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mixed Emotions** – Psalm 73:2-3

**In Context:** Read Psalm 73

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will not envy those who have gained great worldly wealth. I do not want to live a prideful, arrogant and wicked life. I do not want to be rich in worldly wealth. I want to be rich in my relationship with you. I want to be able to tell others of your goodness. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is it foolish to envy the temporary and earthly prosperity of the wicked?

Why will the prosperity of the wicked ultimately end in the darkest of tragedies?

Why will pursuing and gaining great worldly wealth often lead to pride, arrogance and wickedness?

Why would you rather be rich toward God than rich in worldly wealth?

**How has drawing near to God and worshipping Him helped you gain a true perspective on life?**

**How are you allowing the richness of God’s counsel to guide every day of your life?**

**When has drawing near to God made you want to go and tell everyone about His goodness?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Pursue a rich and intimate relationship with God rather than great worldly wealth.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that being rich in your relationship with God is far better than possessing great worldly wealth.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are growing rich in your relationship with God.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you pursue being rich in your relationship with God rather than in worldly wealth.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will pursue being rich in my relationship with you rather than in worldly wealth.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I be rich in my relationship with you today?*

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