



# NEW LIFE

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*“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)*

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*My dear readers,*

This week, let’s ponder the role of money in men’s lives, since the whole world is presently over-burdened with the global economic collapse. Firstly, we have an interesting article from Christian News.

### **1. A conversation with the world’s two richest men**

On an international flight recently I watched a 2006 question-answer session between two of the world’s richest men, Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, and students at the University of Nebraska School of Business. Their answers were interesting and entertaining (Buffett has a great sense of humor).



But in spite of the fact that the questions dealt with many non-business things (such as, “How do you define success in life?” and, “If you could have a superpower what would it be?” and, “What responsibility do you have to the world”), I was struck at how totally focused these men are on this present life.

They said things such as, “Pursue your own passion,” and, “Know how to say no,” and, “It is good to encourage your friends and advisors to correct your blind spots,” and, “You are a success if you get to be old and you have lots of people who love you.”

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But what most interested me was what these two immensely wealthy and influential men did not say. They said nothing about such things as salvation, man's relationship with God, the purpose of life, or preparation for eternity.

When asked, "Where do you envision yourself in 10 years?" neither of them mentioned heaven or hell. Rather, both talked as if they will be doing the same thing then as now. It reminds me of the words of Jesus, "*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*" (Mark 8:36).

## **2. What Charles Spurgeon said about "Prosperity"**

It is a very serious thing to grow rich! Of all the temptations to which God's children are exposed, it is the worst, because it is one that they do not dread. Therefore, it is the more subtle temptation.

Where one man has been ruined by adversity, many more have been destroyed by prosperity.

Prosperity is much harder to bear than adversity. As the fining pot to silver and the furnace to gold, so is prosperity to a Christian. Many a man will pass through trouble and praise God under it, who, when he is tried with no trouble, will forget his God, decline in grace, and grow almost a worldling. Believe me, there is no trial as great as no trial.

Saving is good, but the first thing that a man has to do is to see to the saving of his soul. And there are some who always look so much to the saving of their wealth that their soul stands very little chance of being saved.

I believe it is anti-Christian and unholy for an Christian to live with the object of accumulating wealth. You will say, "Are we not to strive all we can to get all the money we can?"

You may do so. You should do so. I cannot doubt that what, in so doing, you may do good service to the cause of God. But what I said was that to live with the object of accumulating wealth is anti-Christian.

You remember how the old Puritan put it. He had been rich and then was brought to poverty. And he said he didn't find much difference, for when he was rich he found God in all, and now that he was poor he found all in God. Perhaps the latter is the higher state of the two.

I have heard of the stewardess of an American vessel, who, when the ship was sinking, saw a heap of gold coins scattered upon the cabin floor by those who had thrown it there in the confusion of their escape. She gathered up large quantities of it, wrapped it round her waist, and leaped into the water. She sank like a millstone, as though she had studiously prepared herself for destruction.

## **3. Final word on Wealth**

What good is it?

It is recorded of one of America's richest men that before he died said to a friend: "I don't see what good it does me - all this money that you say is mine. I can't eat it, can't spend..."

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it; in fact, I never saw it, and never had it in my hand for a moment. I dress no better than my private secretary, and cannot eat as much as my coachman. I live in a big servants' boarding house, have dyspepsia, cannot drink champagne, and most of my money is in the hands of others, who use it mainly for their own benefit." This is the testimony of one who put his treasure in "a bag with holes." – Gospel Herald

"Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of its filling a vacuum, it makes one. If it satisfies one want, it doubles and trebles that want another way. That was a true proverb of the wise man; rely upon it: "Better it little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith." – Benjamin Franklin

*Lovingly in the Lord*  
*Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor, Calvary Pandan B-P Church, S'pore*  
*(article dated 23 November 2008)*

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## **What It Is to Be Lost!** *by D L Moody*

*"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"—Mark 8:36.*

Oh, that we would wake up to the thought of what it is to be lost! The world has been rocked to sleep by Satan, who is going up and down telling people that it doesn't mean anything.

I believe in the old-fashioned Heaven and Hell. Christ came down to save us from a terrible place, and any man who is cast down to Hell from here must go in the full blaze of the Gospel and over the mangled body of the Son of God.

We hear of a man who has lost his health. We sympathize with him, and we say it is very sad. Our hearts are drawn out to sympathy.

Here is another man who has lost his wealth, and we say, "That is very sad."

Here is another man who has lost his reputation, his standing among men. "That is sadder still," we say.

We know what it is to lose health and wealth and reputation, but what is the loss of all these things compared with the loss of the soul?

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## **Live to Some Purpose** *by William M. Taylor*

We have only once to live; therefore, let us live to some purpose. The day that dawned this morning will never dawn again. The opportunities which it brought with it will never come again; and if we fail to fill it with the service it requires of us, there will be no possibility of returning into it to repair the mischief. The wheels of Time's chariot have ratchets on them, and they move only forward.

**WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON**  
**CHURCH THEME: WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR**  
**AND TREMBLING. (Philippians 2:12)**

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

Worship Services			WELCOME
<b>Morning</b>	<i>Today: 30/11/2008</i>	<i>Next Week: 07/12/2008</i>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
<i>Chairman:</i>	John Poh	Joey Seow	
<i>Preacher:</i>	Mr Chris Richards	Rev Yeo Seow Phong	
<i>Message:</i>	Exposition of Matthew 16:18	Labourers With God	<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
<i>Text:</i>	Matthew 16:18	1 Corinthians 3:5-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We welcome <b>Mr Chris Richards</b> who will minister God's Word to us this Lord's Day. Mr Richards is the Assistant to the General Secretary of The Protestant Alliance. Mr Richards will also be giving a short talk before fellowship lunch.</li> <li>• <b>Calling of Resident Minister:</b> Continue to pray for the Lord's calling for a resident minister. The church leaders are praying about calling Rev Timothy Ki.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas (knee pain), Maria (ankle and joint pain), Constance (left heel pain), Maureen (knee pain), Anthony (recovery from collarbone fracture), John (fractured toe)</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are seeking employment:</b> John (waiting for feedback from interviews), Constance (starting new job this week)</li> <li>• <b>Pray for Journey Mercies:</b> Mark &amp; Hui Min (USA), Douglas (Ghana), Hubert (S'pore), Jiak Eng (S'pore)</li> <li>• <b>Pre-Worship service prayer:</b> Those serving on the Lord's Day, please gather at 10.30am for prayer.</li> </ul>
<i>Organist:</i>	Grace	Joy	
<b>Evening</b>			
<i>Chairman:</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim	
<i>Preacher:</i>	Mr Chris Richards	Rev Yeo Seow Phong	
<i>Message:</i>	Exposition of Romans 8:1	Looking And Hasting	
<i>Text:</i>	Romans 8:1	2 Peter 3:11-18	
<i>Pianist:</i>	Joy	Sophia	
Other Duties			
	<i>Today: 30/11/2008</i>	<i>Next Week: 07/12/2008</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	Daniel / Hannah	Joshua / Yetta	
<i>Sunday Sch:</i>	Hannah	Hannah	
<i>Lunch:</i>	Maureen	Constance	
<i>Washing-up:</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	
<i>PA Crew:</i>	Joshua	John	
Appointments of the Week			
Fri 5 Dec	7:30pm	<b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b> Bible Study – Survey of the Old Testament	
Sat 6 Dec	4.00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Led by Rev Yeo Seow Phong	
Last Week's Worship Service Collections			
<b>Offering:</b> £244.97		<b>Lunch:</b> £32.60	
<u>Memory Verse</u>			
<i>Last Week (November 08 Wk 4): 1 Corinthians 13:6</i>			
Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;			
<i>This Week (December 08 Wk 1): 1 Corinthians 13:7</i>			
Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.			