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Wealth's Double Edge – Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

Do you have what you want? Do you want what you have?
Of what do you want to have a wealth of something?
Would you know if the means you seek to obtain this wealth will
actually hinders gaining it?

Illustration: Ship and lighthouse. Divert 15 Deg to the north
Exertion of human power cannot change the shape of reality.

Wealth quotes

4 Scenarios: Seeking to the possession of money, money will possess
you

- 1) No Rest: The more loot you get, the more looters show up
Dragon Sickness Thorin Oakenshield
- 2) Hoarded wealth that harms the possessor: Scrooge
vs 17 eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger
- 3) Hoarded wealth lost in a bad deal: You will plant but not reap
Deut 8:18-20; Micah 6:14-15 Self destruction
- 3) God blesses wealth and accompanied honor but can't be enjoyed
Lk 12:16-21 Tonight your life will be required of you

What a miserable end to pursue what won't ultimately satisfy
But will eternally leave regret.

Matt 16:24-27 What good is it to gain the world only to leave it behind

Matt 19:24-26 Its hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom

4 types of wealth: Money, Status, Freedom, Health

Jesus' Wealth, His value was not in stuff.

Matt 6:19-21 Store up treasure in heaven

No one could steal or destroy what was precious to Jesus

What about your valuables?

Your wealth is a means not an end.

What needs to change for this to be true about you?