



THE CURSE OF RICHES

ECCLESIASTES 5:10-17



NEVER ENOUGH

vv. 10, 11

- **A Dangerous Mindset**
 - **No Satisfaction in Material Possessions**

Isaiah 55:2; Romans 8:5-8
 - **The Cause of Many Straying**

1st Timothy 6:9, 10



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- **REAL Contentment:**
 - **Happy With What We Have, No Desire for What We Do Not**
Hebrews 13:5
 - **Hungering for Righteousness**
Matthew 5:6



NO REAL COMFORT

vv. 12, 13

- **Often Learned 'The Hard Way'**
 - **An Abiding Principle That Applies to All**
Luke 12:48
 - **Disappointing End to the Riches and Their Owners**
1st Timothy 6:17; Ecclesiastes 2:21-23; Luke 8:14



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- **REAL Comfort:**

- **Living As One of the Lord's Faithful**

Psalm 4:8; 2nd Corinthians 1:3, 4

- **Knowing What Awaits the Faithful**

1st Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 4:1-11



IT CAN ALL BE LOST

v. 14

- **Corruption or Theft**
 - **More Ways to be Lost Than Gained!**

Proverbs 23:5; Matthew 6:19
 - **All Will Eventually Be Destroyed**

2nd Peter 3:10-12



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- **REAL Security:**

- **A Reward Reserved in Heaven**

1st Peter 1:3, 4; Hebrews 10:34

- **An Incorruptible Crown**

1st Corinthians 9:25; 2nd Timothy 4:7, 8



CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

vv. 15, 16

- **Of No Value in Eternity**

- **It Will Not Prevent Death**

Psalm 49:6-9; Hebrews 9:27

- **It Will Not Sway the Judge**

Proverbs 11:4



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- **LASTING Treasures:**

- **The Word of God**

Psalm 19:10; John 6:63; Acts 11:14; John 12:47, 48

- **Treasures in Heaven**

Matthew 6:20; Mark 10:21

