

THE POOR IN SPIRIT

This topic is one that has generated diverse views amongst believers in religious circles on what it truly means; for the very reason that Jesus Christ said it is them that shall inherit the kingdom of God. So people by it had ruled out the rich from being candidates of the kingdom, saying it is only meant for the poor materially, while others do not agree as it were. So the contention continues till date.

In this literature, we venture to ask a pertinent question whose answer shall guide us into coming unto a good understanding of what to be “poor in spirit” truly means. And also we shall refer to some parallel parable and scriptural passages that shall elucidate more on the derived meaning thereof.

The question is: Was Christ poor in spirit? If yes, then how was he so? Because he himself inherited the kingdom of heaven, which required for him to be poor in spirit to do so. Therefore, his disciples that follow after must have that same characteristics too.

For to be “poor in spirit” is a virtue and not a material thing. It is a virtue that is found in the heart and operated through the mind unto producing fruits that are pleasing unto the LORD and seen by men. And the virtue is not the exclusive preserve of those poor in material things as it were. The problem is that great possessions usually have a way of robbing they that have it of this virtue at heart, knowingly or unknowingly.

Mtt 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: **Vr.2** And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, **Vr.3** Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Lk 22:28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. **Vr.29** And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; **Vr.30** That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

WAS CHRIST POOR IN SPIRIT?

The Master taught us by his life what it means to be poor in spirit. He also enjoined all that shall come unto him to learn of him that very virtue; for that virtue is required compulsorily for entry into the kingdom of heaven by all that seek that heavenly kingdom from the earth. We shall hear him in his doctrine then.

Mtt 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. **Vr.28** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Vr.29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

The poor in spirit are they that are meek and lowly at heart as Christ was and demonstrated practically both by his coming into the world from the highest heavens and in his manner of life amongst men and his disciples while on earth. It is a heart and mind thing which is demonstrated by your deeds in relationship with God and man. It is not a physical cum material thing.

Phil 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. **Vr.5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **Vr.6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **Vr.7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **Vr.8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **Vr.9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Jn 13:12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? **Vr.13** Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. **Vr.14** If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. **Vr.15** For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. **Vr.16** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. **Vr.17** If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Mtt 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. **Vr.26** But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; **Vr.27** And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: **Vr.28** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

THE POOR IN SPIRIT ARE THE HUMBLE IN MIND AND HEART

The poor in spirit are those that humble themselves under the mighty hand of God in order that they might be exalted by God unto the heavens in glory and honour at the latter end. Christ copiously taught his disciples this principle and demonstrated same under the hand of his Father. **Hebr 5:5-10**

I Pet 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. **Vr.6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Lk 22:24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. **Vr.25** And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. **Vr.26** But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. **Vr.27** For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

Mtt 23:9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. **Vr.10** Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. **Vr.11** But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. **Vr.12** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

The poor in spirit are those that have a heart of repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Such are they that hardeneth not their heart when they hear the voice of the Holy Ghost in truth as it were. **Acts 20:21; Hebr 3:8,12-16**

GOD JUSTIFIES THEM FROM AMONGST THE UNJUST

It is the poor in spirit that God himself justifies, while the proud at heart are they that justify themselves before men instead. He giveth grace to the former and resisteth the latter.

Lk 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: **Vr.13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **Vr.14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Lk 16:14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. **Vr.15** And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Jam 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **Vr.7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Vr.10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

The Law and the Prophets testify same concerning the poor in spirit in the Scriptures copiously too, but this eludes many that lack the understanding of its true meaning. It is such that God showeth mercy because they too show mercy. They are those that shall dwell with Him in the heavens on that day even as He comes to dwell in their hearts by faith presently on earth.

Ps 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

HEIRS OF THE KINGDOM MUST BE POOR IN SPIRIT

All the categories of persons that Christ identified as being candidates of the kingdom of heaven must be poor in spirit in their character first and foremost amongst others. If not the kingdom is not for them.

Christ identified those to whom the kingdom of heaven was for in his doctrine - those converted as little children, the poor, those persecuted for righteousness sake, the poor in spirit and those born of the Spirit. Such are seen as the least on earth amongst men and foolish because of their disposition where also the riches of this world is concerned in order to follow Christ without the distraction and allure of this world. Yet before God these are wise and constitute the greatest in the kingdom of heaven and shall inherit the true riches instead. **I Cor 1:18-31; Lk 12:15; Lk 16:13-15**

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. **Vr.18** For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Mtt 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? **Vr.2** And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, **Vr.3** And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Vr.4** Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Lk 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. **Vr.15** And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. **Vr.16** But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. **Vr.17** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

Mtt 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Vr.10** Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Vr.11** Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. **Vr.12** Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Lk 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

Jn 3:3-8 (Vr.5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Jam 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

The poor that love God are granted grace to be rich in faith. Generally, the rich acquire wealth in order that they might have a defence in this world that can answer all things for them besides God. They are usually poor in faith and not poor in spirit too because of the pride which their great riches stir in their hearts unwittingly. The wealth of the rich causeth them to be blind, deaf and dumb to spiritual realities, but very much more awoken to worldly realities instead in speech and in deed. **Lk 12:16-21; Prov 23:23; Isa 55:1-2**

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: **Vr.18** I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

So they rich usually place their trust and confidence in their wealth to deliver them from all manner of troubles, persecution and tribulations that might come their way in this world. Such are not candidates of the kingdom of heaven. For they are of the world and love the things therein dearly. By reason of their cultivated friendship with the world, the world loves them and opens up to them, availing the riches therein unto them the more. Such do not seek to overcome the world in any way, but rather are overcome by the world without fail. **Jam 4:4-5; Mtt 6:31-33; Jn 16:33; 2 Pet 2:18-20; 2 Tim 2:3-4**

I Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **Vr.16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

I Tim 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **Vr.10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **Vr.17** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; **Vr.18** That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; **Vr.19** Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

It is a great uphill task generally, for those that have laboured all their lives to acquire great possessions for the purpose of tackling the myriad of problems in this world to be poor in spirit. For their money is a defence and answereth all things for them or so they falsely think until it fails them woefully. For riches compete with God in the heart of the rich, on which he shall rely upon to strengthen his heart. To the rich, God is unseen and afar off, while riches is seen physically and more readily accessible. **Ps 52:7; Eccl 10:19**

CHRIST REQUIRES THAT WE FORSAKE ALL

Christ demands, therefore, that we forsake all, more especially our great riches, in order for us to genuinely follow him with a pure single heart. Anyone that have not the capacity to do so shall definitely not be able to follow Christ truly and shall deny him even his doctrines.

It is harder for the rich to forsake all that they have given their lives to labouring to acquire than for a poor man that hath not much to his name in this world even after all his labours. Both the rich and the poor labour, but the rich seemingly have a greater reward for their labours on earth. Christ promises such a reward to the poor that love him in heaven instead of on the

earth. With that he consoles the poor that are oppressed by the rich in this world, to walk by faith and not by sight. **Mk 12:44; Lk 6:20-26; Lk 16:19-25; Lk 14:12-14; Jam 2:1-7; Mtt 6:19-21**

Mtt 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **Vr.22** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. **Vr.23** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Vr.24** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mtt 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: **Vr.28** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **Vr.29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Jn 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you:

Lk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Mk 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. **Vr.36** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? **Vr.37** Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Christ was unambiguous in these his sayings concerning the deceitful riches of this world, but men continually twist the truth in order to justify their lustful and covetous desires to be rich and famous in this world. Therefore, through the another gospel, that is the so called CAO “Prosperity gospel”, they get men to be focused greatly on acquiring riches by all means as their own proof of God’s “blessing” in their lives. And therefore they turn Scriptures on it's head in order to push forward their false covetous narrative instead, a “blessing” that even the unbelievers have in greater measure than them. What a great delusion as it were.

2 Cor 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich [*rich in what? Possessions or faith?*].

1 Tim 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; **Vr.4** He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, **Vr.5** Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the

truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. **Vr.6** But godliness with contentment is great gain. **Vr.7** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **Vr.8** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Lk 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. **Vr.14** And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. **Vr.15** And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Whose servant are you? For that would give insight to whether you have the virtue at heart of being poor in spirit or not as it were.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS AN EMBODIMENT OF THE POOR IN SPIRIT VIRTUE

It is those that humbly obey the Lord that he gives of his Holy Ghost in baptism. And the fruit that the Spirit brings out of such an one epitomizes the poor in spirit nature. **Acts 5:32**

The poor in spirit that in Christ are those that produce the fruit of the Spirit in their lives without which ye cannot enter the Kingdom of God. These love God and bear fruit that are pleasing unto the Lord God. **Jn 8:29**

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **Vr.23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Jn 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. **Vr.8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. **Vr.16** Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:

I Cor 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **Vr.5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; **Vr.6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **Vr.7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Those that are poor in spirit operate the gifts of the Spirit in humility to the glory and honour of God. And do not seek to receive honour and fame from men and the glory that fadeth away in the world as it were.

The mimicking of the poor in spirit virtue by those that are carnally minded is not the same as those that are spiritually minded being in Christ Jesus. The meekness that is based on the arm of flesh is different from the meekness that is a fruit of the Spirit of Christ at work in you. How?

Moses was the meekest man on earth yet he was restricted by God from entering even the Promised land on earth. Even Satan contested for his body in the world beyond. Moses' meekness failed him when it mattered the most because it was not of the faith of Christ Jesus. Rather the anger cum wrath that lieth in his bosom manifested at that time. And therefore, not as per the fruit of the Spirit but that of his flesh as it were. It is the meekness that is of the fruit of the Spirit that shall grant thee entrance into the promised kingdom of heaven on the last day.

Gal 5:23; Jude 1:9; Jam 1:20

Num 12:3 (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

Num 20:7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **Vr.8** Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. **Vr.9** And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. **Vr.10** And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? **Vr.11** And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. **Vr.12** And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

For the arm of flesh shall always fail, but not the Spirit of the Lord. And the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

ARE THE RICH POOR IN SPIRIT TOO?

The poor in material things of this world that love God greatly are generally poor in spirit, while the rich in this world generally are proud at heart even when most claim to love God. Why? For they put their confidence and trust in their riches as their means of defence and for answering all things for them in this world. So generally, the rich despise and oppress the poor as it were.

Great riches cum wealth usually hardens the heart of those that love and cling unto it. Those that usually pursue riches in this world seek for financial freedom, liberty from lack and to have the wherewithal to operate boldly and confidently in this world even without God. Their riches is their bragging rights in this world. **Prov 18:23; Deu 8:17**

Lk 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. **Vr.16** And he spake a

parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: **Vr.17** And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? **Vr.18** And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. **Vr.19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. **Vr.20** But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? **Vr.21** So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

God is their plan B, while the wealth is their plan A when dealing with the things that befall men in this world generally. Their heart is primarily in their riches as the first line of defence and offense against anything that comes their way in this world. By reason of this they are generally not rich in faith as it were. **Prov 23:5; Prov 27:24; Prov 10:5; Jam 2:1-7; Prov 30:7-9**

Prov 18:11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

Prov 13:7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches. **Vr.8** The ransom of a man's life are his riches:

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: **Vr.18** I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Ps 49:6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; **Vr.7** None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: **Vr.8** (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

Ps 52:7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Eccl 4:7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun. **Vr.8** There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail.

Our Master was also brutal in the things that he had to say concerning the rich in his doctrine, not having good things to say about them generally. To the extent that he declared that hardly shall the rich be saved, that is, enter into the kingdom of God.

Lk 6:24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. **Vr.25** Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

Mtt 19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **Vr.22** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. **Vr.23** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Vr.24** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. **Vr.25** When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

The Master cared not for the rich nor the abundance that they brought to offer unto God even in the temple in his days unlike how the CAO receive such. Rather, he clearly declared that the gospel he was sent to preach was for the poor instead unto whom is the kingdom of heaven reserved. **Lk 6:20; Mtt 23:16-19,23**

Lk 21:1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. **Vr.2** And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. **Vr.3** And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: **Vr.4** For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

Lk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Riches are not gathered by men just for the gathering sake, rather they are basically accumulated in order to make the heart strong and confident in this world. The rich places great hope in his riches to deliver him in most situations. And how to sustain and retain it even to generations after him and his unborn occupies his mind and heart greatly. For where a man's treasure is, there his heart will be also. A rich man's eye cannot be single, but rather double, halting between two masters or opinions. You deceive yourself to think otherwise. **Mtt 13:22**

Mtt 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **Vr.21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. **Vr.22** The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. **Vr.24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, hear Christ in these things that he has said herein. And do not be self conceited, thinking that you are wiser than him where riches are concerned. And that you can serve God and mammon or that you can serve God with mammon in your own wisdom. The kingdom of heaven business is not tied to money in any way. Unfortunately, the CAO teach otherwise being covetous.

Be not unaware of the devices of the enemy. Do not set yourself up with that which contendeth continually with God in your heart to have mastery over you, for you would not win. And as a result shall rob you of the virtue of being “poor in spirit”. The virtue that you compulsorily need in order to inherit the kingdom of heaven at last.

Prov 30:7 Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: **Vr.8** Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: **Vr.9** Lest I be full, and deny thee , and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain .

May the good Lord and Master Jesus the Christ grant you the spirit of wisdom and understanding in the things written herein, to your coming unto the knowledge of the liberating truth that is in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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