

# Luke 6:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

## Analysis

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But woe unto you that are rich for ye have received consolation. But plēn strong contrast. Woe ouai judgment pronounced. Rich plousiois wealthy. Have received apechete full payment. Consolation paraklēsin comfort. Warning to rich. Riches provide temporary comfort but no eternal security. Danger of riches is false security. Trust in wealth replaces trust in God. Not that riches themselves evil but temptation to rely on them. Reformed theology warns against materialism idolatry of wealth. Riches can be used for kingdom or become master. Cannot serve God and mammon.

## Historical Context

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Four woes (vv. 24-26) parallel four beatitudes (vv. 20-22). Rich have comfort now but what of eternity. Rich man and Lazarus parable (Luke 16) illustrates this reversal. Rich man comfort in life torment in death. Lazarus suffering in life comfort after. Riches can blind to need for God. James 5 warns rich who oppress poor. Not all rich condemned Abraham Job wealthy righteous. But riches are dangerous spiritually. Camels through needle easier than rich saved (18:24-25). Early church had wealthy members but warned about dangers. Modern prosperity gospel says God wants you rich. Jesus warns riches are spiritual danger. Reformed theology emphasizes faithful stewardship whether much or little.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What does warning woe unto rich teach about danger of wealth providing false security?
2. How can Christians who have material wealth avoid trap of trusting riches rather than God?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 6:2** (Parallel theme): Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

**1 Timothy 6:17** (Parallel theme): 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;

**James 2:6** (Parallel theme): But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

**Proverbs 1:32** (Parallel theme): For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.