

v16 ~ Wealth on Earth is Relative

- Nearly everyone in USA is wealthy by comparison to all others
- This is what **v16** means
 - Money is not the only measure of wealth
 - family (*no family* (**!!!: Korean orphan**) – large family – unloving family)
 - friends (*fb count* – many shallow friendships – some deep ones)
 - health (“*If you have your health you have everything*”)
 - happiness (*so much material wealth – so little happiness*)
- **!!!: Lottery** (Mega Millions) ~ (3 winners of \$656m)
 - Evelyn Adams (NJ) ~ \$5m in 85/86 (*gambled away*)
 - Jack Whittaker (VA) ~ \$315m in 2002, gave \$50m, sued \$3m, gdghtr died

v17-18 ~ True Wealth is Lasting ~ Wealth of the Righteous is Eternal

- ANY measure of wealth must stand the test of time
 - God promises to reward the just and punish the wicked (earth & heaven)
 - **Luke 18.29-30** ~ “there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.”
- By ALL measures our wealth is great / by far the greatest
 - length of life (*live forever*)
 - health (*no more pain or death* - **Rev 21.4**)
 - happiness (*bliss with God and all others*)
 - money (*all the universe is God’s – and we will inherit the earth*)
 - **!!!: Heavenly Travel** ~ (*We’ll travel universe in glorified immortality*)
- But not so for the wicked . . .

v20 ~ The Wicked will Perish

- They are compared to the “*splendor of the meadows*”
- And to “*smoke*” that dissolves away into nothing

I once contrasted my financial position with that of Bill Gates (*soda vs Lexus*)

Believers are the wealthiest people on earth by ANY measure . . .

love of family & friends / health / life / happiness