

# He Awoke With Everlasting Flames About His Ears!

by Thomas Brooks

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*Earthly riches can lead to spiritual blindness, hardened hearts, and eternal consequences if we prioritize them over our spiritual well-being.*

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 6:9

**Topics:** "Eternal Perspective", "The Dangers of Wealth"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks warns against the dangers of earthly riches, emphasizing how they burden the soul with cares and distractions that lead to spiritual torment. He illustrates the plight of Dives, who was so consumed by his wealth and status that he neglected his eternal fate, only to awaken in torment. Brooks highlights the sorrow and corruption that wealth can bring, urging listeners to reflect on the true cost of their earthly pursuits and the neglect of their souls. The sermon serves as a stark reminder of the fleeting nature of material wealth and the importance of prioritizing spiritual well-being.

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## Transcript

Earthly riches commonly load the soul with a multitude of cares, fears, griefs, and vexations--which mightily disturb the soul, distract the soul; yes, often rack, torture, and torment the soul.

Earthly riches, for the most part, do a world of mischief and hurt to their owners. Oh the souls which earthly riches have pierced through and through with many sorrows! Oh the minds which earthly riches have blinded! Oh the hearts which earthly riches have hardened! Oh the consciences which earthly riches have benumbed! Oh the wills which

earthly riches have perverted! Oh the affections which  
earthly riches have disordered! Oh the lives which earthly  
riches have corrupted!

Dives was so taken up with his riches, pomp, state, and  
with his royal apparel, royal attendance, and royal fare--  
that he never minded heaven, nor ever dreaded hell--until  
he awoke with everlasting flames about his ears!

Oh the time, the thoughts, the strength, the energy--which  
rich men spend and consume upon their riches, while their  
precious souls lie bleeding to death, and an eternity of  
misery is hastening upon them!

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