

Yellow and White Guts and Garbage

by Thomas Brooks

Prioritizing material wealth over spiritual well-being is impossible and ultimately destructive, leading to a life of guilt, grief, and spiritual ruin.

Scripture: Proverbs 11:28, Ecclesiastes 5:10, Matthew 6:24, Matthew 19:24, Mark 8:36, Luke 16:13, 1 Timothy 6:9-10, Hebrews 13:5, James 5:1-3, 1 John 2:15-17

Topics: "Wealth vs. Spirituality", "The Dangers of Materialism"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the futility of serving wealth over God, illustrating that riches, described as 'yellow and white guts and garbage,' ultimately lead to spiritual ruin rather than fulfillment. He warns that the pursuit of material wealth burdens individuals like a horse laden with treasure, only to face emptiness and guilt at death. Brooks highlights the folly of accumulating worldly treasures, which cannot satisfy the heart and lead to eternal consequences. He cites 1 Timothy 6:9-10 to reinforce that the love of money can lead to temptation and destruction, urging listeners to prioritize their spiritual well-being over material gain.

Transcript

"You cannot serve both God and Money." Luke 16:13

Riches are the great god of the world, and are rather a hindrance, than a help to heaven and happiness. Gold and silver, which are but the yellow and white guts and garbage of the earth, is fitly called by the prophet, "thick clay," which will sooner break a man's back than satisfy his heart! Oh, what folly and madness is it for a man to be still a-loading of himself with the clay of this world!

The horse is loaded with rich treasure all the

day long--yet when night comes he is turned into the dark stinking stable, with an empty belly, and with his back full of galls, sores, and bruises.

Just so, though vain muckworms are loaded with the treasures of this world during the day of their life-- yet when the night of death comes, then they shall be turned into a dark stinking hell, with consciences full of guilt and galls, and with souls full of sores and bruises; and then what good will all their treasures do them?

"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." 1 Tim. 6:9-10

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