

CA6. Not Setting a Goal of Being Rich.

We are not to set a goal of being rich.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 6:9

Furthermore, those whose goal is to be rich fall into temptation; they get trapped in many foolish and hurtful ambitions which plunge them into ruin and destruction.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 6:24-34, 13:22, 19:21-23

Mark 10:21

Luke 12:15, 21, 33-34, 14:33, 16:11, 18:22

John 6:27

Colossians 3:2

1 Timothy 6:9-11, 17-19

2 Timothy 3:1-2

Hebrews 13:5

James 2:5

1 John 2:15

Revelation 3:17

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

2 Chronicles 1:11-12

God said to Shlomo, "Because you set your heart on this- because, instead of asking for riches, wealth, honor, the death of those who hate you, or long life, you asked for wisdom and knowledge for yourself, so that you would be able to judge my people, over whom I made you

king – not only are wisdom and knowledge being given to you, but I will also give you riches, wealth and honor such as no king before you has ever had; and no king after you will have as much.

Psalms 62:11(10)

Don't put your trust in extortion, don't put false hopes in robbery; even if wealth increases, don't set your heart on it.

Proverbs 11:28

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like sprouting leaves.

Proverbs 22:1

Rather than wealth, choose a good reputation, esteem over silver and gold.

Proverbs 23:4-5

Don't exhaust yourself in pursuit of wealth; be smart enough to desist. If you make your eyes rush at it, it's no longer there! For wealth will surely grow wings, like an eagle flying off to the sky.

Proverbs 28:20

A trustworthy person will receive many blessings, but one rushing to get rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 30:7-9

[God,] I have asked two things of you; don't deny them to me as long as I live – keep falsehood and futility far from me, and give me neither poverty nor wealth. Yes, provide just the food I need today; for if I have too much, I might deny you and say, "Who is ADONAI?" And if I am poor, I might steal and thus profane the name of my God.

Ecclesiastes 5:9(10)

The lover of money never has enough money; the lover of luxury never has enough income. This too is pointless.

Comment

This *Mitzvah* #CA6 does not speak against being rich; it speaks against our having a wrong heart attitude toward how we become rich. It is not wrong to want to earn a comfortable living and even to have wealth if we are called by God to have wealth to use for godly purposes. But Scripture says it is wrong for us to set a goal of being rich, the inference being for selfish reasons such as living in luxury, having power over others, or because we do not trust God to provide for our needs.

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