

“Be Glad You Didn’t Win That \$1.6 Billion Lottery” — *It Could Ruin Your Life*

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6. Don’t assume you can keep your job. Co-workers will resent the fact that they have to be at work because they need the money while you do not!
7. Be ready to change every relationship you have.

Many lottery winners end up bankrupt, divorced, addicted to drugs and alcohol. Some have even been murdered, while others committed suicide.

It turns out that the Lord was right when He inspired Paul to write: *“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows”* (1 Timothy 6:9-10).

Ric Edelman concludes his article with suggesting you take the \$3 a day lottery ticket habit and invest in the stock market. Jesus Christ advises you to invest in **the “spiritual” stock market** — *“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal”* (Matthew 6:19-20). Not only will you sleep better at night, but you will have an eternal hope that does not fade away with time or circumstances.

Someone once said, **“He is no fool who trades that which he cannot keep for that which he cannot lose.”** Amen to that! Besides, Jesus went on to say: *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”* (Matt. 6:21). So ask yourself where your heart should truly be — focused on heaven, or on earth?! Where will you find true, lasting happiness?

A Stewardship Promise

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Stewardship is more than the giving of **money**, although it is that. It is more than giving of my **talents**, although it involves that, too. It is more than the giving of **time**, although it involves that. *It is the offering of my total self to Him.*

This means that in all the relationships of life, I shall seek to give a good account of my stewardship. In the home, I shall, along with the other members of my family, worship Him. I shall share in the closeness of the family my concerns, my hopes, my wisdom, my experiences, so that together we may fulfill the purpose God has for us. I shall so organize my life that the way I earn my money and the way I use my money shall contribute to the advancement of God’s will and the Kingdom among men.

It means that in my church I shall seek to be faithful to the responsibilities that I carry as a member of the body of Christ. I shall attend church regularly. I shall consecrate my talents to God’s service at the place where I can make the fullest possible contribution to His kingdom. I shall give of my money directly, proportionately, as God has prospered me.

All this I shall do, not out of any compulsion, save the compulsion of my gratitude to God for all He has done for me.

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