

Is it discipline, or *just dollars?*

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The world has always equated wealth with blessing, and often with right standing with God, whether it means to or not. Even the church can cater to the wealthy and successful, which is exactly what James 2:2-4 warns against. So what does Scripture say about wealth and right standing with God?

Jacob wrestled with God. He was disciplined by Him for years under Laban, and he still ended up wealthy.

The difference was never the outcome. It was the process that got him there.

Esau grew wealthy too, but he never wrestled and he was never refined. Generations later, his descendants, the Edomites, refused to help Judah when it was attacked and looted the spoils instead.

For that, Edom was wiped out (Obadiah 1:10-18). Wealth without discipline didn't protect them. It never does.

Scripture is direct about what actually proves sonship: “If you are without chastening … you are illegitimate and not sons” (Hebrews 12:8). Not wealth. Discipline.

God isn't against financial gain. He blessed Jacob abundantly, but never at the expense of his character. So pursue righteousness first, and steward well whatever He puts in your hands.

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