

The Rich Nothing and The Poor Something

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The Rich Nothing had it all and was out there having a ball—money by the trainload, shooting rockets into space, making bread hand over fist. He lived in luxury, indulging in every pleasure imaginable, convinced that wealth was the key to happiness. He believed he had everything figured out.

"Who needs Christ Yeshua?" he thought. "When all my needs are met and I have plenty of cash left over to burn?"

And then there was the Poor Something.

He could barely make ends meet. Bills stacked high, an SUV on its last leg, selling cheesecakes here and there just to scrape through the week. But the Poor Something gave from the heart, always helping those in need. Despite his struggles, he dedicated his life to improving the safety and quality of care in American long-term care facilities. His life's motto was *U.N.I.C.O.*, meaning *UNITY* in Italian—*Service Above Self*—reaching out to help others for the glory of God.

Like the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, he reached out to those who were suffering when no one else would. His heart was filled with love and compassion, and he saw his mission not as a burden, but as a blessing.

Meanwhile, the Rich Nothing lived for himself. Though he made charitable gestures here and there, his true passion was accumulating more. More money, more power, more influence.

Then, as is the fate of all, both the Rich Nothing and the Poor Something passed away and found themselves at the Pearly Gates of Heaven. Before them stood the mighty Angel Gabriel, radiating the glory of God.

Gabriel looked upon them and said, "One of you did very well in storing up treasures in Heaven. You were truly rich in life. Please step forward."

The Rich Nothing, confident that his worldly success had secured his place, stepped forward with a smug grin. But Gabriel raised his hand and said, "*Not you, sir. I was referring to the chaplain standing next to you. Now step back.*"

The Rich Nothing's face fell in shock. "But... but I had it all! I was successful! I gave to charities! Surely, I deserve a place here!"

Gabriel opened the *Lamb's Book of Life* and read aloud, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also* (Matthew 6:21). Your name does not appear here. You stored up treasures on earth, but you were poor in the riches of God. You were not in a meaningful, loving relationship with our lord because you did not have the Holy Spirit in you.

The Poor Something, however had genuinely accepted Christ Yeshua in to his life through genuine repentance and love and was born again through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit the Poor Something lived a life of faith, love, and service bearing good fruit for the glory of God. His name is written in The Lamb's Book of Life, and his place in Heaven is secured."

The Poor Something fell to his knees in humble gratitude, tears of joy streaming down his face. He had never sought riches, yet he had inherited the greatest wealth of all—eternal life with Christ.

As the gates of Heaven swung open for the Poor Something, the Rich Nothing stood frozen in despair. He had gained the world but lost his soul. (Mark 8:36)

And so, the Poor Something entered the glory of God, where riches never fade, and love never ends. While the Rich Nothing... faded into nothing.

The End.

Matthew 7:21-23 ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. ²² Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many ^[a]miracles?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Matthew 16:26-27

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds.”

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS LUKE CHAPTER 16