

# THE BURDEN OF WEALTH

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John 5:17

Everything has a positive and a negative attribute attached to it. Everything has an upside and a downside. Every blessing has a burden attached to it. Wealth is **NOT** excluded.

Society does not highlight the burden of being wealthy. We are always taught and shown the benefits of wealth. You are probably aware of the benefits of being wealthy. However, do you know what the burden is?

## THE BURDEN

Many people believe when you are wealthy you will be able to rest and take it easy because you have “[made it](#)”. This is the illusion behind being wealthy. When you are

wealthy **THERE IS NO REST BECAUSE YOU ARE IN DEMAND!**

People who are in demand are always being utilized, called, counted upon and relied upon. They do not have the benefit of getting an exorbitant amount of rest. When you are wealthy you have **MUCH** to give.

Having **MUCH** to give will keep you in demand. If you have a wealth of knowledge about a particular subject people will be calling non-stop for advice, guidance, direction and solutions.

If you are wealthy with money people will be contacting you for support, help and resources. If you are wealthy with relationships people will be reaching out to you to borrow and reap off of your influence.

Wealth draws attention and that attention **DECREASES** your privacy. Examining the life of King Jesus teaches us about His burden of wealth. King Jesus had more than

enough of everything. He lacked nothing! Because of His abundance, He was always in **DEMAND**.

People kept seeking Him, asking Him questions, praying for miracles, pulling on His anointing, etc. He was never able to **REST BECAUSE THE DEMAND WAS TOO HIGH!** King Jesus said something simple yet profound.

John 5:17 says, "*But Jesus said to them, "My Father never stops working, and so I keep working, too."*" King Jesus does not rest because He has too much to do, too much to give, too much to say. When you have been blessed with **TOO MUCH**, the work never stops!

Wealth is a blessing because it avoids the pain of lack. However, it is a burden because life doesn't slow down. If you are wealthy in any area do not get discouraged with the lack of rest. **MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS!**

The secret ingredient to carrying this burden is **PRAYER**. King Jesus spent more time in prayer than He did with

people. **PEOPLE ARE DRAINING!** It doesn't matter how wealthy you are, the demands of people will make you feel empty. When you are praying listen **FIRST**, talk **SECOND!**

Prayer strengthens you to carry the burden. Prayer helps you to understand how to handle the burden. Prayer gives you power to carry the burden. There is no way King Jesus could have handled the demands of people without prayer. Prayer was the **ANCHOR!**

**THE MORE TIME YOU SPEND WITH GOD,  
THE EASIER IT WILL BE TO HANDLE  
PEOPLE.**

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