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	* Are you rich or poor in God’s **K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**?

(v. 9; Matthew 6:1-4; Luke 12:19-21; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

* + Are you a true **I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**?

(Romans 2:28-29; Galatians 6:14-15; Matthew 7:22-23)

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(Romans 5:3-4; James 1:2-4)

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	* Trust in Jesus, who conquered **D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 8)
	* Rejoice in His promise of everlasting **L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 10-11)

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