

TITLE: *On Wealth and Poverty*

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On Wealth and Poverty is a collection of six sermons on the Parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31) given by St. John Chrysostom during his ministry at Antioch in the fourth century. The sermons explain the various parts of the parable and touch upon many themes such as stewardship, almsgiving, spiritual discipline, suffering, and the afterlife. St. John stresses that we should use our money and resources towards building up God's Kingdom: "For our money is the Lord's however we may have gathered it. If we provide for those in need, we shall obtain great plenty." Earthly pleasures can tempt both rich and poor, but the world's fame and fortune cannot compare with the riches and glory of Heaven. Moreover, the essence of these sermons is how the Christian should live with humility, repentance, and compassion in his heart. This book will provide the reader with many insights in following the Christian path and is very appropriate as a Lenten meditation.

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