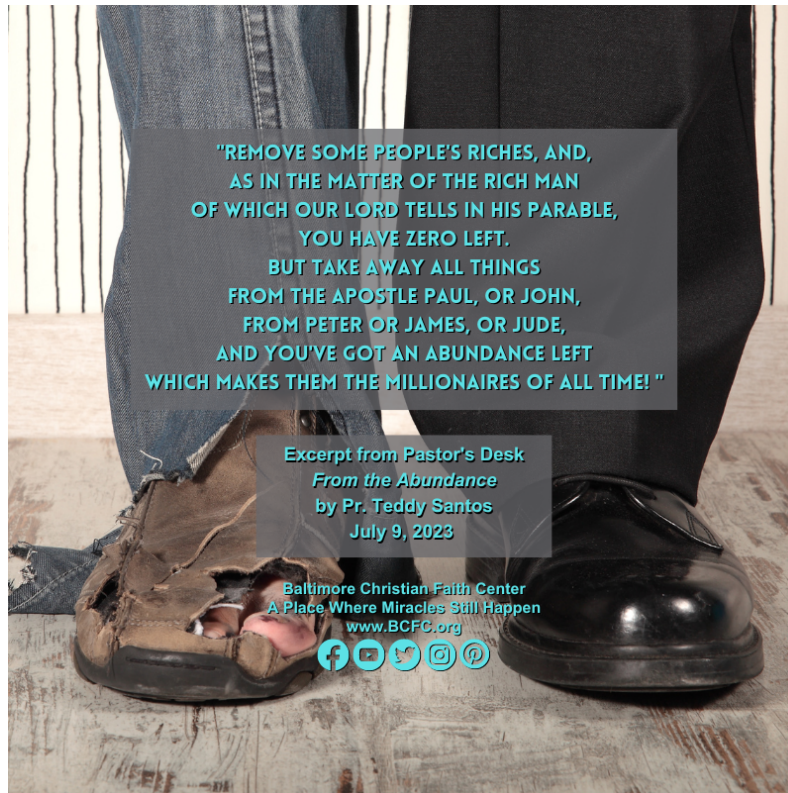


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**Luke 12:15** *"And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."*

May we not overlook this remarkable view that life does not consist of what we possess but in what we are; not in things, but in qualities; not in goods but in goodness.

It's asked, "How much were they worth?" when a person passes, and we expect an answer in the quantity that stood to their credit and on which their estate must pay death obligations. Nonetheless, a person is worth only the love, humbleness, generosity, and charming reasonableness which depict them. Remove some people's riches, and, as in the matter of the rich man of which our Lord tells in His parable, you have zero left. But take away all things from the Apostle Paul, or John, from Peter or James, or Jude, and you've got an abundance left which makes them the millionaires of all time! As read in **2Corinthians 6:10**, *"as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."*

May we give, expecting nothing in return, with full measure, pressed down, and running over. Give not only finances but also with love and compassion and human tenderness; give as one who constantly receives from the infinite resources of The Lord God Almighty Himself!

At His service,  
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