

“God Is My Only Hope”

Everything was made by God

Genesis 1:1 NLT

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Everything belongs to God.

Psalms 24:1 NLT

The **earth** is the LORD’s, and **everything** in it. The world and all its people **belong** to him. For he laid the earth’s foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

Psalms 50:10b NLT

I own the cattle on a thousand hills.

Side-effects of being rich:

1. Rich people live in **denial**.
2. Rich people are plagued by **discontentment**.

Instructions for **rich Christians**

1 Timothy 6:17-18 NLT

Teach those who are **rich** in this world not to be proud and **not to trust in their money**, which is so unreliable. Their **trust should be in God**, who richly gives us **all we need for our enjoyment**. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

When you are **not faithful** with your blessings.

Haggai 1:6 NLT

You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in **pockets filled with holes!**

When you are **faithful** with your blessings.

Deuteronomy 28:4-6 NLT

Your children and your crops **will be blessed**. The offspring of your herds and flocks **will be blessed**. Your fruit baskets and breadboards **will be blessed**. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you **will be blessed**.

You cannot **out give** God.

Luke 6:38 NLT

Give, and **you will receive**. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, **running over**, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

Proverbs 3:9-10 NLT

Honor the LORD with your **wealth** and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will **overflow** with good wine.

Put **your hope** in the Lord.

1 Timothy 6:17 NIV

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their **hope** in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Psalms 39:7 NLT

And so, **Lord**, where do I put my hope?

My only hope is in you.