

Attaining Spiritual Wealth

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Doctor Lewis opens the recording by playing two chants on the pump organ: "Wink Has Not Touched My Eyes," "Hymn to Brahma." Very unusual and delightful.

Subject this morning: "Attaining Spiritual wealth." "Attaining Spiritual wealth."

Spiritual wealth is wealth of the Spiritual Realm. Remember that. Material wealth – we know what material wealth is. It's wealth of outward consciousness, of physical consciousness, of worldly consciousness. The minute you go to sleep at night, where is your material wealth? It is not there, because that consciousness then is eradicated. But Spiritual wealth, Spiritual wealth, remember, is wealth of the Spiritual Realm – wealth in Superconsciousness and Christ Consciousness. All Spiritual wealth is found there.

Now Spiritual wealth does not pass away. Spiritual wealth is eternal. Therefore, our first, and our greatest need, is to attain Spiritual wealth, and not to wait until after we're dead and gone, because unless we know it right now, in this life, we will not, we cannot have it, after we are finished with this realm here. That's why Spiritual wealth is your highest and greatest need, because it is Eternal, it is lasting. Yes, it is Everlasting.

Now material wealth, whatever we accumulate, we have to leave. But Spiritual wealth, always was, and always will be, because Spiritual wealth is God's Consciousness, and His Power, and greatest of all, His Love.

I remember a story the Master used to tell about a millionaire, a three-times millionaire. First he made a million dollars. Then he lost it. But he, having a tremendous will, and a lot of persistency, he said, "I'm going to make another million." And, I believe, he made the second million. He lost that. The last I heard he was making the third million. But when he makes the third million, which no doubt he will, what has he? Nothing. He has to leave it all.

Now, if he had spent his time in contacting God, as Jesus said, "Seek first the kingdom of heaven," then it's all right to have the million. 'Cause I know he would use it in the right way. But otherwise, when he is through with this realm, he will have nothing, because he did not do as Jesus said, "lay up treasures, not on earth, but in heaven," because they are Everlasting.

So let us understand that our first and greatest need is to attain Spiritual wealth. You'll never be satisfied. The Soul never will be satisfied until you get it. Because all that joy, which you think comes from material things, it is not from the material things, it's the fact Soul is hunting – hunting for Union with God from whence it came. And getting one or two little things of material nature, it feels good for a minute, feels fine. But the next minute it realizes it has been fooled. It is not the reality. So, merge your Soul once more in God. Attain the Spiritual wealth. You will feel such a joy that you will not swap it for anything - all the automobiles, or houses, or anything – because it is not of this world. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." His kingdom is of Superconsciousness and Christ Consciousness.

Now, the law for creating Spiritual wealth is the same as creating material wealth. We've got to do something about it. Vision is all right, but just to dream about spirituality is of no value. You've got to do something about it. If you're going to make something in, of this material life, you cannot go out and sit down and just dream it. No. You've got to get busy and do something. Do something real about it.

I remember when I first met the Master. The first time, by the Grace of God, I don't know why, but, and he showed me the Vision of the Great Light of Spirit. And then he showed me the Thousand-rayed Lotus, the Light of that, and through the intuition, in God's Great Light, I could see the Spiritual side of the Thousand-rayed Lotus – the arteries, and the brain, and the little cells of light bobbing along. Imagine what he did for me! But, he said, "Now," he said, "You've had the vision. But, if you let me discipline you, and regularly meditate, then you can make those things your own, they will be with you." Although the road was hard, that's what I did. Those things are there.

So vision is good. It gives you the impetus. But you have to make those things your own through your Self-Realization. You cannot stop with the dream. You cannot stop with the vision. You must go on. Spiritual wealth will not come of itself. You've got to do something about it. You have to do something good and proper. If you think that it's hard to make money in this material plane, how do you expect Spiritual things to come? You have to get busy. Do something about it.

I remember the story. I think I have told you the story about "making the money." When I first started to practice, quite a long time ago now, as I look back, a man came in the office. He says, "Young man," he says, "make the money; honestly, if you can, but make the money." Well, I don't exactly agree with that, but the point is this. We've got to get God. Get Him. Get God. Follow the, if you do not have to follow the techniques, that's wonderful, but most of us do have to follow techniques laid down by those who have found God. But anyway, make the money – get God, see. Don't forget it now.

Ramakrishna, he got God right off. He didn't have to use the techniques, so strong was his devotion. In three days he received contact with God, which it took another saint 40 years to attain. So you see the will and devotion is the main thing. But most of us do not have that. We are fortunate to have this path of Self-Realization, this channel to God, to follow. And so, we will follow that.

Now, the problem which presents itself in attaining Spiritual wealth is the same as in attaining material wealth. I want you to listen carefully. Now, when you start to attain material wealth, in the beginning, you do not have much to go on, do you? We do not have – unless you had a rich uncle who left it to you. But that wasn't my case, and I believe it isn't the case of many of us. We haven't much to go on. What do we do? If you're wise, right off, you take out insurance that creates for you a material estate, right off, the minute you pay your premium. You create for yourself – say \$10,000 right off. That's your estate. But that's not the end. Then you get busy and work, and labor, and you make the money – your own. You make, attain, material wealth. Then the insurance can be dropped.

Now that same problem is there in regard to attaining Spiritual wealth. In the beginning, we do not have much to go on. That is, I didn't have much, except I did have that, what the Master gave me. But, we have not much to go on. So what are we going to do? If we're wise, we can use the same law, and I mean it absolutely. We can take out insurance that will immediately create within us a Spiritual estate. Then, then we can labor, and work, and through Self- Realization, make the eternal truths of that Spiritual estate dynamic to our consciousness. We can make them our own. Yes, I mean it. You can take out insurance, just like you do in this life. Immediately, and you can have Spiritual wealth. But there cannot be any mental reservation, as I will point out. You cannot expect to do it in a halfway manner. You have to be 100 percent after God, so to speak.

Now how, how is this, how is this done? I want you to read, when you get home – I will repeat it now for you – words from the 10th Chapter of Daniel, the 12th Verse. Now remember, first we are discussing insurance, which gives us Spiritual wealth right off. Right off, now! Just like when you take out ordinary insurance. When pay the premium – you have that estate created. Now, when you pay the right premium, you can, right now, create a Spiritual estate. Now listen, listen what it says in Daniel: "Fear not

Daniel, for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand," from that time, "and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words."

Now let me explain just a bit. "From the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand," from the first day that you unconditionally surrender yourself to God, without any mental reservations – reservations will not do. When you 100 percent, from your heart say, "Here I am, Lord. I am willing now, 100 percent, to fully surrender to Thy Will," and then begin to Spiritually discipline yourself, by following the right channel – the minute you do that, what does it say? "Thy words were heard." "Thy words were heard, and I am come..." Not "I am coming next year." Right now, "I am come for thy words."

Now each and every one of you who will do that, right this moment, you have created right within your own consciousness, a connection, a contact with God, right off, and He is watching over you. He will give you His Divine Protection. The minute you do that, the minute you "chasten yourself before thy God, thy words were heard." Why – because from the heart, the vibrations go, and God knows. But, if there's any mental reservation there, if the heart is not pure gold, you cannot touch God.

So remember each and every one, there's no excuse. Right now you can create within yourselves that Spiritual estate. Then, then you must work. Then you must work, and labor to make that contact dynamic to your consciousness. There you have in one or two words the laws for creating within yourselves a Spiritual estate. Work and labor is necessary. God hears you. He is watching you. He is coming toward you. He will send you the right channel, as He has sent to us the channel of Self-Realization. But we have to do. We have to make those things dynamic to our consciousness. How? Through Self-Realization. We have to work. We have to labor.

God then sends the channel to us. He sends us the guru. Those of you who have not met the guru, you have his works – not far removed. He's just been gone just a little while. There are people who are carrying on, who carry on his works in a pure manner, giving you the unadulterated truth. There is no excuse that you do not work, and labor, and follow, and make Spiritual wealth your own. Attain Spiritual wealth.

We have the different techniques of Self-Realization; the Hong Sau technique, which gives you concentration. How can you contact God and continually build up your Spiritual wealth unless your mind is concentrated. With the mind running here and there – thoughts bothering you, emotions bothering you, body bothering you – how can you expect to lay up Spiritual wealth. The Hong Sau technique will calm you, and will give you concentration.

Then you go on to the next one. The next one which gives you absolute contact with Spiritual wealth within, with contact of the Holy Vibration, the Holy Ghost as Light, and Sound and, greatest of all, as the Love of God in your heart. These techniques will give you that. What more do we want? We've got to do it, that's all. You've got to do it. Just like when you want to eat, you cannot sit down at a table and say, "All right, get, let's eat." No, you got to eat. You've got to make the effort. Use your will. And so in attaining Spiritual wealth, following the channel which God has sent, you have to labor. You have to work.

Even in the [Bhagavad] Gita, even in the Gita, it says this in the 6th Discourse, the 46th Line. Listen now, I'm telling you the right way, the best way to lay up Spiritual Treasure within yourselves after you have promised God you mean business. No halfway, it won't go. You think, "Well, now I'm going to follow, something might come up, I might need Him." That won't go. Hundred percent. Hundred percent, in opulence or want, still you must surrender to God. Now it says in the Gita, "The yogi..." one who follows, a Self-Realization yogi, "the yogi is greater than the ascetic. He is thought to be greater than even the wise. The yogi is greater than the man of action," worldly action, "therefore, O Arjuna, become thou a yogi."

Let us make the definite effort to contact God, that's all. Yoga means "union." Make the definite effort to unite your consciousness, which is circumscribed in this little body, unite it with the Infinite – His Great Light. Merge in that. That's Spiritual wealth. That is what we must attain. "Become thou, O Arjuna, a yogi." One who unites his consciousness with God, that's all. There's nothing mystical about yoga, there's nothing queer about it. It's common sense. It's the science of all sciences, because you are trying to contact God, and He is behind all sciences. So yoga is really the science to the highest science. "Be thou, O Arjuna, a yogi."

Now Jesus attests to this same thing, exactly as we read in the Gita. Jesus says these words, in St. John. Read them when you go home, St. John, the 4th Chapter, the 35th and the 36th Verses. He had told them, his disciples, those disciples who were gathered about, that the harvest was ready. And they said to him, "Say not ye, There are yet..." uh, he said to them, "Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh the harvest. Behold I say unto you," now listen carefully, "Lift up your eyes."

What do we do in Self-Realization? We lift our eyes to the Christ Center. "Lift up your eyes..." It couldn't be any plainer. "...And look on the fields for they are white all ready to harvest." Look on the white fields of Cosmic Consciousness and Christ Consciousness. They're white. They look like fields. It couldn't be any

clearer. Then he goes on to say, what is the reward? "And he that reapeth," he that reapeth, who contacts the Holy Vibration, "receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

There's your eternal life. There's your Spiritual wealth. There's something that will not pass away, that is lasting. Why do we not do something about it? Lift your eyes. "The fields are white." The White Light of Christ and Cosmic Consciousness is there. What is the reward? Life Eternal. There's no eternal life in outward consciousness, but in inward consciousness. Isn't that beautiful? Jesus could not have said it in any other or any better way.

But also, he said, in Matthew, the 9th Chapter, the 37th Verse. "The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few." So let's not be one of those few. We are here. I know you're all here. I'm here, to reap Spiritual Reward – to attain those lasting things of life. The harvest is ready. The harvest is plenty; the fields are white; ready to harvest.

And so, friends, to sum up, Spiritual wealth is attainable, if we do two things. First, surrender 100 percent to God. Full surrender. Why not? He made you. He made me. He made all things. We cannot do one thing except He does it. We have nothing to do with it. But we're so blind we cannot see that. Surrender 100 percent to God.

And, secondly, Spiritually discipline yourself, which simply means, follow the channel God has sent you, and attain God contact. God is ready for you, but God also is not mocked. He cannot be fooled. You cannot fool Him.

But when you work 100 percent for God, then He will answer. God is not mocked. You can have Him. And then, whether you have health or not, whether you have opulence or not, whether you have even a place to lay your head at night; even though all friends forsake you, and you haven't a friend in the world, if you have God, you are a success, and you have attained the greatest Spiritual wealth.

And in St. John, the 10th Chapter, the 27th, 28th Verses, this is beautiful. "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them." "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them." God knows you, if you make the contact. Then he says, "And I will give them eternal life." That's the greatest Spiritual way. God hears us. My sheep "I know." Make the contact with God. Make it now, and the greatest Spiritual wealth will be yours.

And I'm going to close by reading just a word or two from one of the Master's letters to me. I know you enjoy them. And in this letter he says:

"I am glad, dear Doctor, you are working for God. Never before I was such as I am now, being in the spirit of the Master. Never before I am such as I am now. Every day I am seeing His miracles." You will see the hand of God working and shaping your life, watching over you, protecting you. "Those that will meekly come with me...Those that will meekly come with me, they will see His work also. After all, that is the only thing that is lasting." That's the only Spiritual wealth. "I have forgotten all little things in His work, which is marching wonderfully on. I am doing for you all and His children, and nothing else."

Such is a saint. He worked not for himself, but for you, and for me.

"That was and ever shall be my pleasure..." to do the Will of God. "Please meditate. Concentrate on developing Self-Realization which is Babaji's work and God's. God helps those that help themselves materially and spiritually. Cast aside all fear."

Now you cannot do that unless you have God contact. Then you can do it. Then you fear nothing.

"Cast aside all fear. He is guiding you in everything. Feel your Father is with you. He knows all of your needs, and would look after you since you cannot breathe without Him. Don't limit yourself by desires. Then you only get so much and nothing more."

That's the point. Don't limit yourself by worldly desires, get God first. He can give you everything. Finally:

"But if you want Him, you have everything. With Love and Blessings." And that applies to you all.

Make up your mind now to find, to be 100 percent loyal to God. That's the greatest thing. And He will make the way possible. You don't have to worry about that. The hardest thing is to, is to without any reservation, fully surrender to His Will. Then the contact is made with God. Let us make that now, right now.

Let us meditate just a moment now together.