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"In All Things"

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"I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:12-13 (NKJV)

WEALTH

Whenever advancement, honor, and wealth come to a man, it won't be long until what he is made of becomes apparent to all who know him. It's been my observation that people can better deal with poverty than with riches.

A blessing from God when seen as a reward will often become a thing forgotten, unappreciated, and even flaunted in the face of others. And possessions looked to for satisfaction and meaning can give rise to an adulterous heart toward God.

ON LOAN

How easily some forget the Blessor and look to the blessings or view what they have as if it were something earned rather than gifted by our heavenly Father. The greater your position or wealth, the greater will be the struggle against idolatry.

REVEALS THE HEART

Someone may ask, "But aren't the rich, beautiful, powerful, and healthy better off in this life than I, who plod along in insignificance, pain, and sorrow?" Indeed – to our weak eyes and finite minds, but God looks upon the heart and soul of a man. The better question would be, "Is this man or woman rich toward God, regardless of their stature in life?"

We have every reason to be the most thankful and joyful of people because God is good to us amid the difficulties that come our way. But are we? Are you? If you are, then you are richer than the richest – you are blessed!

Pastor Jack Hibbs is the senior pastor at Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills, CA. His ministry, which includes "Real Life with Jack Hibbs", is seen via YouTube and on the app named for the ministry. The church's website is www.Calvarycch.org.

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Shades and Greater Shiloh Men's Bible Study

Join a group of men from both churches in a study of 1 & 2 Peter. The group meets every other Thursday starting on November 6 for 16 weeks. Warren Callaway and Bob Shields coordinate the group. This is a great opportunity to make new friends with our partner church at Greater Shiloh while studying God's Word together. Contact Mike Lazenby for more information at mlazenby@shades.org or call Mike at 205-822-1670.

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Man Church

Our next Man Church is Sunday, October 24th, and our speaker will be our Minister to Young Adults and Equipping, Bradley Patton. Bradley started attending Shades in 2010 and joined staff in 2013 after graduating from Samford. He served in a variety of roles while completing his M.Div. from Beeson Divinity School and is currently the Minister to Young Adults & Equipping. He gives pastoral oversight to Young Professionals, Nearly/Newlyweds, and Young Married couples without kids. He also oversees Adult Discipleship Groups and the Shades Equipping Center – which includes Foundations classes and the Training Institute.

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