

The Purpose and Meaning of Wealth for God's People Based on the Bible

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ABSTRACT:

Understanding the true purpose and meaning of wealth will influence the attitude and behavior of everyone. Therefore, the authors conducted research so that God's people understand what true wealth means for God's people and what is God's purpose in providing wealth for His people. The author uses a research method with a qualitative approach, namely the literature research method (library research) and based on Bible analysis. Based on this research, a clear description of the purpose and meaning of wealth can be generated. In this way God's people can understand what the Bible says about the purpose and meaning of this wealth, so that it will have an impact on their attitudes and behavior.

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I. PRELIMINARY

Humans are creations of God who live in a reality world that requires money or materials. The need for money is a basic aspect of human life which cannot be ignored. The material nature or wealth is temporary as long as humans live in the world. So it cannot be denied that money or wealth is something that is needed and important in human life to be able to realize many things and dreams in the future.

All humans, no matter who they are, from any tribe and nation, no one wants to live in poverty and need. Everyone will want to be rich and live well. Especially in the current era of globalization, technological developments and advances are progressing rapidly. Of course, having wealth makes it easier for people to live an easy life.

The tricks of wealth are very real, among others: Wealth often makes people feel safe and comfortable, wealth makes people feel valuable, respectable, and tends to be arrogant, as if wealth can guarantee tomorrow.

In his book Randy Alcorn also says why did Jesus talk more about money and wealth than any other topic in the Bible, such as matters of faith, prayer and others? The verses in the Bible that discuss prayer are 300 times, the verses about faith are 500 times, and the verses that discuss property and wealth are 2000 times. That is because the Lord Jesus wants to explain to His people how they should view and manage money, wealth and property properly and in a balanced way. But the most important thing is to recognize our spiritual condition and the attitude of the believers regarding wealth.¹

Especially in today's modern era, people are increasingly thirsty to collect and hoard wealth without understanding what the purpose of having real wealth is. People no longer have a close relationship with God and tend to forget God because they are preoccupied with finding and accumulating wealth, and even tend to be greedy, consumptive and materialistic. Actually there is nothing wrong with having abundant money and wealth as long as we can manage it wisely like the Lord Jesus taught. That money is not the root of evil because money is only a neutral tool. It is the love of money that is the root of all evil. In the Gospel of Luke 16: 10-13 the Lord Jesus explained that wealth has a more negative influence on one's spirituality and can cause someone to move away from God. Therefore, the Lord Jesus taught the topic of money much more than any other topic. Because God wants to teach a principle about money properly according to the Bible and manage it wisely.²

With the description above, the authors formulate the following research problems: what is the true meaning of wealth for God's people and what is God's purpose in providing wealth for His people?

¹Randy Alcorn, "Managing God's Money" (Carol Stream, Illionis: Tyndale House Publisher, 2011), 20.

²Cortines John and Baumer Gregory, *God and Money* (U.S: Rose PublisherInc, 2016), 15.

II. RESEARCH METHOD

The research method used is descriptive qualitative method, literature study, and biblical studies. The research instruments used in this study are grouped into two parts, namely: Literature (Books that talk about wealth and money in general and in the life of believers). Biblical study is looking for support from Bible verses that talk about wealth, then studying it theologically. Researchers also examine various views from various literature sources and describe them thoroughly and in detail, so that the researched problem can be answered properly and biblically. Andreas Subagyo, in his book *Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Research* describes qualitative research as follows: The word qualitative itself implies an emphasis on processes and meanings that are not strictly examined and measured in terms of number, intensity and frequency, but emphasize the socially structured nature of reality, the relationship between the researcher and under study, and the situational limitations and those that shape research. In addition, the research also emphasizes the value-laden nature of research and seeks answers to questions that emphasize how social experiences are created and given meaning.³

III. DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

Definition of Wealth in General

Money is printed paper which is actually worthless, but in fact money has value because people agree to view it as something valuable. So that the trading system around the world agreed to use money as a medium of exchange. Money is used as a tool to meet the needs of everyday life. Actually money is neutral, but will become negative and cause problems when people start to glorify money and put money as the top priority and as something to increase self-esteem, so that people tend to compete and drop each other.⁴

In the Big Indonesian Dictionary, Money is a legal instrument of exchange or standard of measuring value (unit of measure) issued by the government of a country in the form of paper, gold, silver or other metal printed with certain shapes and images; treasure; wealth. Meanwhile, being rich means having a lot of wealth, money, power and so on.⁵

The general view of wealth is a number of assets that are owned either movable or immovable, such as: cars, houses, land, apartments, gold, money, savings, deposits, stocks, bonds that are stored in various places. Meanwhile, according to the Bible found in Deuteronomy 8: 18-20 says that God gives wealth and God is the source of wealth. Meaning that wealth is actually not sinful. But from the other side, the Bible also says that wealth can bring disaster. Therefore we must be able to see wealth in a balanced manner.

The understanding of the meaning of rich is very broad. However, often people misunderstand it, so that they are trapped in the wrong context, the result is very detrimental, because people only see the wealth in a narrow and limited terms, so that not a few of the true gospel has been converted into the gospel of prosperity. Some views from various theologies about wealth: First, Prosperity Theology. Having a rich view of material must be spiritual, Second, Poverty / Suffering Theology: the poor or suffering must be spiritual, Third, theology of the Bible: God is the owner (owner), and humans are managers, the meaning is to manage what God has entrusted.⁶

Another understanding of abundant wealth is proof that a person is blessed by God. Among the church, success has also developed the opinion that a life that is blessed by God is a life that is rich, abundant, and not lacking in anything. Jake Barnett views this as a "Christian presumption" which may not be in accordance with Bible teachings.⁷

Success by world standards is deceptive. The number of prosperity theologies and Christian speakers who teach about God's blessings and deal with wealth is so misleading that it creates a false paradigm of wealth among God's people. They preach that a rich person is a person who is blessed by God without giving a complete and correct understanding. So that many people who do not have abundant wealth feel not blessed by God. They tend to feel judged and cursed by God if they are poor, sick and in trouble. Prosperity theology also teaches people not to depend on God. People come to church to be blessed with physical blessings. Many teachings in the church are wrong because God blesses His people with riches. So that Christians go to church

³Andreas B Subagyo, "Metode Penelitian Pendidikan" (Pendekatan, 2004), 260.

⁴Yanjumseby Yeverson Manafe, "Makna Unkapan 'Jangan Hidup Lagi Sama Seperti Orang-Orang Yang Tdak Mengenal Allah Dengan Pikirannya Yang Sia-Sia' Menurut Efesus 4: 17," *SCRIPTA: Jurnal Teologi dan Pelayanan Kontekstual* 2, no. 2 (2016): 21–36.

⁵Sulis Setiawati, "Penggunaan Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia (KBBI) Dalam Pembelajaran Kosakata Baku Dan Tidak Baku Pada Siswa Kelas IV SD," *Jurnal Gramatika* 2, no. 1 (2016): 80391.

⁶Pengertian Teologi Sukses, "EVALUASI KRITIS TERHADAP DOKTRIN TEOLOGI SUKSES" (n.d.).

⁷Jake Bernett, *Wealthand Wisdom* (Bandung: Kalam Hidup, n.d.), 29–30.

not to seek God but seek His blessings alone. God's people are not taught to feel safe because of God but because of God's blessings.⁸

Material wealth and blessings are indeed one of God's blessings, apart from other God's blessings such as health, peace, healing and so on. Wealth is not a measure of God's blessing alone. This means that if a person does not have wealth with abundant wealth, it does not mean that he is not blessed by God. For God's people the most important treasures are eternal spiritual treasures. Therefore, it is not property that makes Christians sin, but the attitude of the human heart towards wealth that makes a person enslaved by wealth so that he becomes greedy, greedy, and falls into various sins and even leaves God.⁹

At the end of this age, one of the devil's most powerful weapons used to attack and bring down humans is material or wealth, rank, sex, and self-respect. Wealth is often used by humans to increase self-worth, a consumptive world lifestyle (shopping excessively) and materialistic. All of it is vanity. Wealth is like a knife. Knives can be useful but they can also be harmful depending on who and how to use them.

Wealth also cannot guarantee one's peace. Wealth must be understood in two dimensions, namely quantitative wealth (i.e. wealth as measured by the amount of property owned) and qualitative wealth (namely the ability to enjoy that wealth). Therefore, the wealth should be returned to God for the glory of His name. God entrusted His people with different kinds of wealth. According to their respective capacities.

Every human action and decision in using and accumulating the wealth he has depends on the information he received and the background he experienced during his life, whether sweet or bitter. So that past experiences can shape one's mental towards wealth, namely:

First, greed, is associated with the arising of a desire to be more continuous and never satisfied, often causing people to become greedy and like to amass wealth. The Bible in Hebrews 13: 5 reminds His people: Do not become slaves of money, and be content with what you have. Because Allah has said: "Never will I spare you, and I will never leave you". Second, laziness, humans tend to be lazy to enjoy a luxurious, self-sufficient life in an easy, instant way without trying and working hard. The Bible in John 6:27 says: Work, not for food that is perishable, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. Third, worry, disbelief and lack of faith in God's perfect care for His people. The Bible in Luke 12: 29-30 says: So do not question what you are going to eat or what you are going to drink, and do not worry about your heart. All these are sought after by the nations of the world who do not know God. But your Father knows that you need all of these things. Fourth, bitterness, bitterness can make people think negatively and have ambitions to make things wrong. For example a person who has been persecuted, abused, humiliated and humiliated because he is poor. So that the person has an achievement based on hurt because he wants to show who he is.¹⁰

Thus the meaning of wealth for God's children is not just physical, but more than that, namely wealth in spiritual things. Wealth is a deposit from Allah alone in which there is also the property or rights of others for us to distribute. As a manager whom God has entrusted, wealth must be used according to God's will, so that God's blessings can be distributed to people in need.¹¹

As a result of Misunderstanding Wealth:

Misunderstanding the meaning of wealth will have fatal consequences for the lifestyle and behavior of the person concerned. Some examples of famous people in the world who misinterpret wealth include:

First, Adolf Merkel, is 100 famous people in the world (according to Forbes magazine in 2006). He is the owner of Phoenix Pharmahandle Heildelberg Cement and Ratiopharm. Has 100 thousand employees. It has a turnover of 30 billion Euros (roughly the equivalent of 480 trillion per year). Having a wealth of 9 billion USD (126 trillion. However, at the time of the 2008 crisis, he suffered a loss of 400 million (5.6 trillion). He decided to commit suicide by crashing himself on a train until his body was shattered, even though he still had enormous wealth. many despite the loss. She was rich materially but poor mentally. Second, Maryin Monroe, was found dead at her home in Los Angeles from taking sleeping pills. This was suspected as an act of suicide Third, Heath Ledger, was found dead in his apartment in 1999 2008, at the age of 29. Forensic results stated that he died of an overdose of six kinds of sleeping pills that he took at the same time Fourth, Kate Spade, Ended her life with suicide Fifth, Daul Kim, who is an international model was found dead with hanged himself in his apartment in Paris. Allegedly the main cause is due to depression Sixth, Lucy Gordon, is a person g Hollywood movie star who starred in Spiderman 3. He died hanged himself in Paris because of depression. Seventh, Robin William, is a famous comedian and Hollywood artist found dead in August 2014 due to hanging himself. Eighth, U; Nee, is a singer, actress, rapper and dancer who succeeded in the K-pop world in 2003. She is known as a very gentle

⁸Sukses, "EVALUASI KRITIS TERHADAP DOKTRIN TEOLOGI SUKSES."

⁹"UANG DAN PENGARUHNYA DALAM INTERAKSI ANTAR MANUSIA (TINJAUAN TEOLOGIS TERHADAP MAKNA UANG DAN PENGARUHNYA DALAM INTERAKSI MANUSIA)" (2002).

¹⁰Housel Morgan, *The Psychology of Money* (U.S: Harriman House, 2020), 19–20.

¹¹Cortines John and Baumer Gregory, *God and Money*.

person. In 2007, there was an internet hate attack against him demanding that he hang himself. Before he committed suicide, he wrote on his website: "I feel like everything is empty. I'm back on the road to reach a goal I don't know about." He died hanging himself at his home in Seo-gu.¹²

They are all classified as successful people, have abundant property and wealth, even are famous throughout the world. This means that they are financially abundant materially. If material is a measure of security and happiness, then they should feel happy, comfortable and financially secure, because they have achieved all of that. But in reality they were unhappy and their end was ironic. What triggered these famous people to choose to end their lives tragically? Why did they choose to kill themselves?

Many factors cause a person to end his life by committing suicide, including: Because of depression, sometimes behind a person's happiness and joy is deep depression, social problems such as bankruptcy and poverty, artists who are no longer in demand, lots of debt due to style living in luxury as a well-known artist which ultimately triggers stress, demands of responsibility and the pressure of life's burdens that is too high, feels like a failure and has no hope, feels empty and empty to choose shortcuts and many other factors.

This shows that people who do not understand the meaning and purpose of wealth for themselves will harm themselves and their reputation. For them, wealth is only a momentary pleasure for them and eventually becomes a disaster. So for God's people, wealth is not for himself alone, but more than that, namely to be used for God's glory.

God's Goal Is To Provide Wealth For His People

Many people do not understand what the purpose of people is to accumulate money or wealth and use it. Due to the lack of information and correct understanding according to the Bible, many believers always fall over financially. There are also many Christians who are self-righteous and dare to use God's Word to cover up their greed.

The world's view of wealth is very different from that of the Bible. The world view says that wealth can be obtained by one's own efforts, because of luck and good fortune. The point is all because of human effort and do not rely on God.¹³

In the Gospel of Luke 16: 10-11 it says: "Whoever is faithful in small things, he is also faithful in big things. And whoever is not right in small things is not true in big things. So if you are not loyal to Mammon who are dishonest, who will entrust you to the real treasure? ". And it is reinforced again in the Gospel of Matthew 6:24 it explains that a person cannot serve two masters, namely to God and to Mammon. Here the Bible explains that the little things are matter, wealth and wealth. Meanwhile, real wealth is spiritual and eternal. In parallel with the previous verses, Matthew 6:19 also affirms that the Lord Jesus Christ also taught His followers not to accumulate and store up treasures on earth. He taught His disciples to think about the above, and ignore the accumulation of wealth or things. The Lord Jesus openly denounced those who laid their hearts on wealth and turned idols into gods.¹⁴

The Lord Jesus teaches the parable of the talents found in the Gospel of Matt. 25: 14-30. The talent in this parable is a large amount of money. Through this parable the Lord Jesus taught that man is not the owner of all his property and wealth. Property that is obtained by trying and working is a gift and a blessing from God alone. As God's people, we are only managers who are entrusted by the owner of that wealth, and given the opportunity to enjoy it. Pleasure and beautiful gifts must be treated with a grateful heart and not greedy. Must be balanced with generosity with an attitude that is willing to help others, especially for the people around us, our families and brothers in the faith.¹⁵

God's purpose in giving His people wealth is none other than to be able to be used to provide for their daily needs with gratitude, to help others, to help with God's work and ministry with the right heart attitude, in order to bring glory to God. For all things are from Him, through Him, and to Him. To him be his glory forever and ever (Rom. 11:36). Use money and wealth to solve the problems at hand, not to become gratifying tools that make us forget ourselves and greedy. The purpose of wealth for God's people is to be used according to God's own purposes.¹⁶

¹²Yeni Sapitri, "Kepuasan Hidup Pada Pelaku Percobaan Bunuh Diri" (UIN Sunan Gunung Djati Bandung, 2011).

¹³IWAN SETIAWAN, "ANALISA KRITIS ROMA 8: 18-25 TERHADAP PENGAJARAN THEOLOGIA KEMAKMURAN MENGENAI PENDERITAAN" (n.d.).

¹⁴Yanjumseby Yeverson Manafe, "Makna Ungkapan" Karna Di Mana Hartamu Berada Di Situ Juga Hatimu Berada" Dalam Lukas 12: 34 Dan Implikasinya Bagi Pertumbuhan Iman Jemaat," *SCRIPTA: Jurnal Teologi dan Pelayanan Kontekstual* 5, no. 1 (2018): 60-74.

¹⁵Ibid.

¹⁶Ibid.

The Meaning Of Wealth For God's People Based On The Bible

The Bible has a lot to say about wealth. There are even more verses about riches than verses that talk about heaven and hell. Of the 38 parables that Jesus told, 16 of them were about wealth. Jesus must have realized that wealth would be a big problem, if His people did not understand the true meaning of wealth. For that, as God's people we must understand the meaning of wealth based on the Bible.

The Meaning Of Wealth Is The Result Obtained By Working

In the Old Testament, the Bible tells how the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt and seizing the land of Canaan, God taught them all to be diligent and willing to work hard to get results. It was God who gave the land to the Israelites, but it was the Israelites who had to cultivate the land diligently to enjoy the fruit. Here God also taught the Israelites that to take away the wealth and blessings that God has given His people must be taken with an effort and hard work, not just lazing around and praying. Done diligently, full of responsibility, humble and fear God. Through many stories in the Bible, God teaches His people that wealth is not only achieved by human strength alone, but that wealth comes from God and is an attitude of respect that is manifested in doing our work and our daily attitudes as God's people, so that God do not anger His people for their laziness and pride.¹⁷

In the parable of the talents the Lord Jesus gave each person their own talents. Everyone is not given the same, based on the ability and capacity of someone God has entrusted. But the Lord Jesus called there bad and good slaves. In this case God does not expect the same results from everyone, because God knows that everyone has different capacities. But God wants everyone to multiply the talents that God has entrusted. One talent becomes two, two becomes four, five becomes ten and so on. That means God is just because he doesn't demand the same from everyone. But in this case it does not mean they can be lazy. All of them are required to be able to multiply their respective talents, which means that they must be diligent, work hard and try their best in developing the talents that have been given and entrusted, according to their respective capacities and abilities.

That is why the Bible says that God blesses a diligent worker rather than a silent person who only hopes for blessings to pour from heaven upon him. The meaning of wealth for God's people is as a means of doing God's will, namely by working in addition to praying.¹⁸

However, wealth is only a tool. It is never an end or in other words money is a means to the end and not the end itself. Money is both a good servant and a bad master. Money won't make people rich, but knowledge and hard work can make people rich.¹⁹

As God's people, we must have high motivation and be willing to work hard in order to have an adequate life. However, through hard work and the results you have achieved, you should not use it at will until you forget yourself which can result in arrogance and greed so that you are trapped in the devil's trap. So if so, can Christians be rich? The answer, of course, is okay. As long as the wealth is used for things that are positive, useful and constructive, such as: meeting the needs of daily life, helping large families such as siblings, parents, relatives who need help, supporting God's work, helping others, and not being seen as idols that satisfy lust and are not used to increase value or self-respect and seek self-respect alone. Because if wealth is misused and misplaced in human life, then humans will never be satisfied with wealth. This statement is strengthened in the Bible which is found in Ecclesiastes 5:10 "Whoever loves money will not be satisfied with money, and whoever loves wealth is not satisfied with his income. This too is pointless." And in 1 Timothy 6: 9 it says "But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, into snares and into various lusts that are empty and harmful, which plunge men into ruin and destruction."²⁰

The Meaning Of Wealth Is The Gift Of God

The tendency of humans is that when they already have a lot of property, people often forget to give thanks to the giver of that wealth. Often people argue that the wealth he owns is earned by hard work and sweat; they forget that which gives the power to obtain such riches from God (Deut. 8:18). So actually that wealth is a gift from God.²¹

¹⁷W. D. Kruse and K. Sung, "Easier Said than Done-Why We Struggle with Healthy Behaviours and What to Do about It," *Textile Asia* (1990).

¹⁸Sunday Adelaja, *Uang Tidak Akan Membuat Anda Kaya* (Jakarta: Nafiri Gabriel, 2013), 49.

¹⁹Sunday Adelaja, *Uang Tidak Akan Membuat Anda Kaya*.

²⁰I Ketut Enoch and Finilon Finilon, "Tinjauan Teologis Tentang Arti Berkat Dalam Kehidupan Orang Percaya," *Jurnal Jaffray* 10, no. 1 (2012): 148–173.

²¹Renti Sihombing and Eddy Rundjan, "KAJIAN TENTANG RASA KHAWATIR PADA KEHIDUPAN 'ORANG PERCAYA' DALAM PERSPEKTIF ALKITAB," *The Way Jurnal Teologi dan Kependidikan* 5, no. 1 (2019): 70–84.

God's people are sometimes self-forgetful, greedy and greedy. They are often caught up in a life that is dissatisfied with pursuing worldly goals. The goals always develop into: wanting more, more and more, and the desire to reach the very top. The Bible calls this indulgence or greed and pride. Greed or greed usually goes unnoticed. Greed is not only in material matters, but can also be in the form of greed for position and power. Greed is a thirst that nothing can satisfy in order to get more of what we think we need to be truly satisfied. It can be a thirst for money, wealth or material things that money can buy, or even a thirst for position and power.²²

The Lord Jesus explained that the life of God's people should not depend on an abundance of wealth. Although He does not deny that humans have basic needs that must be met through the wealth that is in them (Matt. 6:32, 1 Tim. 6:17). The Lord Jesus wants to explain that the life of the righteous who is blessed does not come from an abundance of wealth, nor does it come from real success and security. What does it mean to be "rich in spirit"? It means acknowledging gratefully that all he has comes from God, and then making an effort to use what He gives everyone for the good of others and for God's glory. So, to be rich before God means to have spiritual wealth, which is eternal and not just personal enjoyment. How sad and tragic it is when people become rich in this world, but poor in the life to come and are rejected by God. Therefore, wealth cannot be misplaced and not a top priority in life. The true meaning of wealth for God's people is that it is only a deposit from God which must be accounted for in eternity. The property that God has given to His people can be used to fulfill the daily needs of life and be used according to God's purposes.²³

The Meaning Of Wealth Is As A Means Of Preaching The Gospel

The main task of the church in carrying out the Great Amant of the Lord Jesus in the last days has unwittingly shifted a lot and lost its essence. The church has started to lose focus by getting caught up in Sunday services and raising as much money as possible. Many Christians are competing and competing with each other to build a better, more luxurious church based on the desire to get a large quantity of congregations in the name of evangelism, but in fact it is only a formality with the real aim of self-interest and benefit. In fact, there are many servants of God who are entangled with corruption cases and there are many disputes among God's servants, families of God's servants, God's servants and the congregation who argue with each other and fight to court just because of money and wealth issues. So that the essence of the church has changed, not to carry out the great commission of discipline people but based on quantity alone because it is based on the love of money. Through this corona pandemic, the church as an institution has been revived not to hoard and rely on the church's money and wealth. In Acts 2: 41-42 God's people are reminded again that the early church was disciplined without a church building and all accessories that are not important.²⁴

Through the pandemic that God allows at this time, the church is actually being restored by God. Like it or not, churches are now forced to become churches like in the days of the Apostles, namely evangelism that is not based on large and comfortable church buildings, good speakers, complete facilities, or a large number of congregations, but on the other side of the corona pandemic. Today, God's people around the world are being reminded that the church is really ourselves. So that the blessing behind this corona pandemic returns God's people as His church in carrying out the great amant of the Lord Jesus, and returns the church in prioritizing what is essential and what is not.²⁵

The church, that is, every believer no longer focuses on hoarding wealth but functions to carry out the great commission of the Lord Jesus by acting as God's family and building himself up to become a dwelling place for God's Spirit. So that believers have peace and implement it by becoming perpetrators or peacemakers. No longer pursuing external and worldly things. So that wherever they go they will always live in peace with everyone and have a positive impact on themselves, their families and the surrounding environment.²⁶ The church can also provide examples and examples for God's people, so that God's people can understand the meaning of wealth for God's people is to become a means of preaching the gospel.

²²Larry Burkett, *Manage Finances Wisely*. (Bandung: Yayasan Kalam Hidup, 1985), 19.

²³Warren W. Wiersbe, *Be merciful in Christ* (Bandung, 2002), 150–155.

²⁴Yanto Paulus Hermanto, "TRUE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PLAGUE REVIEWED FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH," *IOSR Journal Of Humanities And Social Science (IOSR-JHSS)* 25 (2020): 33–36.

²⁵Yanto Paulus Hermanto, "The Role of Pastors to Care for Their Congregations Both During Covid-19 Outbreak and After," *International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science (IJRISS)* 4, no. 12 (2021): 433–435.

²⁶Wangyu Wangyu and Robi Panggarra, "Konsep Eirene Berdasarkan Efesus 2: 11-22 Dan Implementasinya Dalam Kekristenan Masa Kini," *Jurnal Jaffray* 8, no. 2 (2010): 86–105.

IV. CONCLUSION

Every God's people on this earth must understand the true purpose and meaning of wealth based on the Bible. God's people who understand this well, then he will acquire and use wealth wisely and fear God. The purpose of the wealth that God entrusts for His people is to be in line with God's own purposes. God's people gain wealth by working, that's what the Bible says. However, God's people still have to realize that it is God who gives strength to God's people to obtain it. In addition, wealth is a means that God has given to be a means that can help to spread the good news to various places. Thus, the purpose and meaning of wealth for God's people, in addition to fulfilling their personal needs, is also for realizing God's will on this earth. These two things must be understood by all God's people, that it is God who must be glorified through wealth.

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