



Life Under The Sun

Do You Want To Be Wealthy?

Ecclesiastes 5:8 - 20





**50% of the
world
earned
\$3,210**

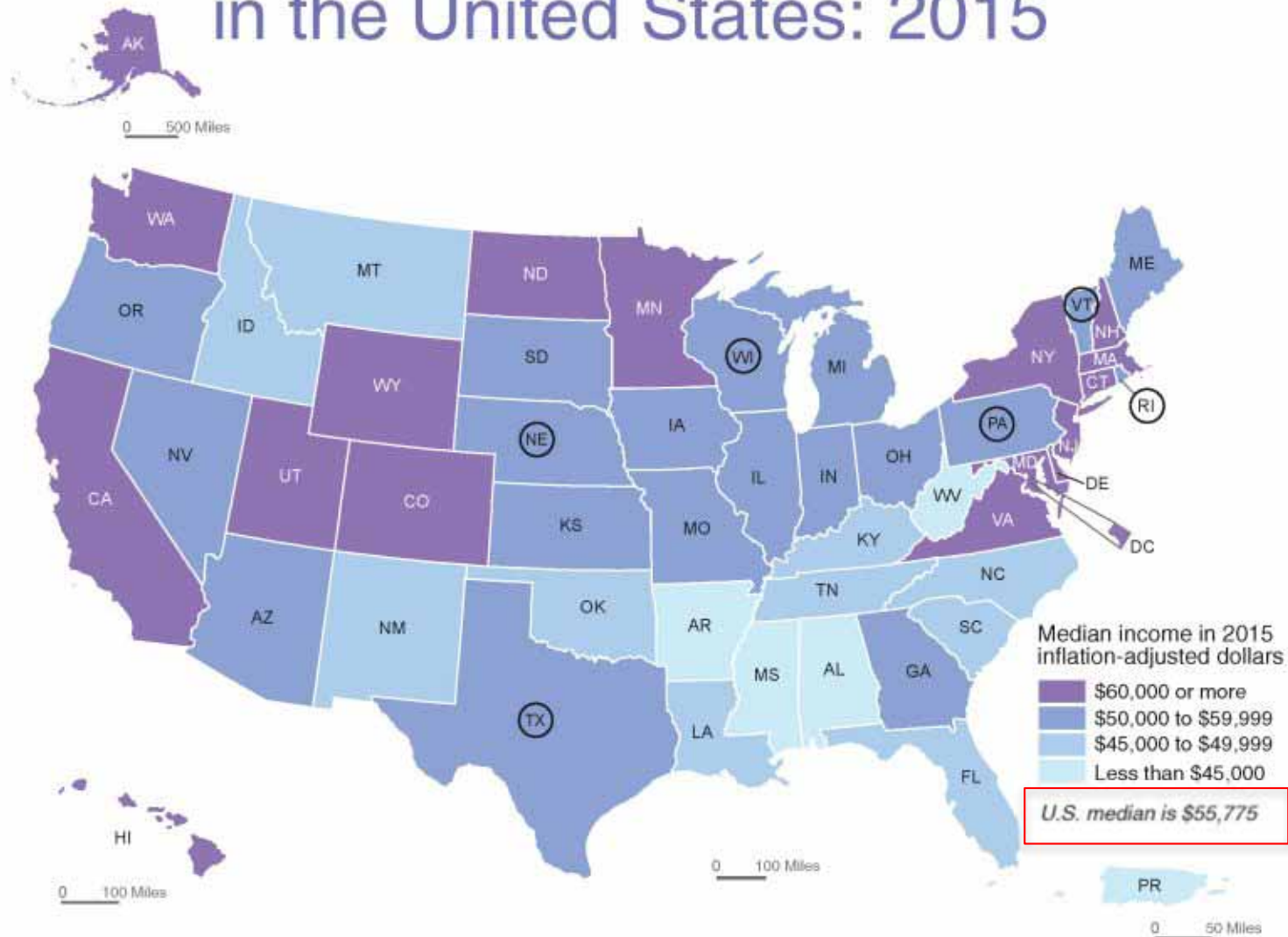
**10% of
earned
\$68,800**

**1% of earned
\$759,800**

**8 people own
more wealth
than 1/2 the
world**

**Top 1% own
more than
the rest of
the world**

Median Household Income in the United States: 2015



Note: A state abbreviation surrounded by the "O" symbol denotes the value for the state is not statistically different from the U.S. median.

The rich man's wealth is his fortress, the ruin of the poor is their poverty.

Proverbs 10:15

***A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and
like a high wall in his own imagination.***

Proverbs 18:11

But God will break you down forever; He will snatch you up and tear you away from your tent, and uproot you from the land of the living. Selah.

The righteous will see and fear, and will laugh at him, saying, "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and was strong in his evil desire."

Psalm 52:5 - 7



STATES OF AMERICA

IN GOD WE TRUST

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AMERICA

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The Illustration

Ecclesiastes 5:8 - 9

- *If you **see** oppression . . .*
- *Do not be **shocked** . . .*

***Wayside
Church***

Detroit, MI



But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

Ecclesiastes 5:9

Loves Money . . .



The Principle

Ecclesiastes 5:10

He who loves money . . .

He who loves abundance . . .

1st Problem – Little Parasites

Ecclesiastes 5:11

- ***The parasites increase . . .***

. . . like termites

. . . like bedbugs

Result of Termites . . .



2nd Problem – Elusive Peace

Ecclesiastes 5:12

- ***Working man sleeps well without a full stomach***
- ***Rich man does not sleep well even though he has a full stomach***

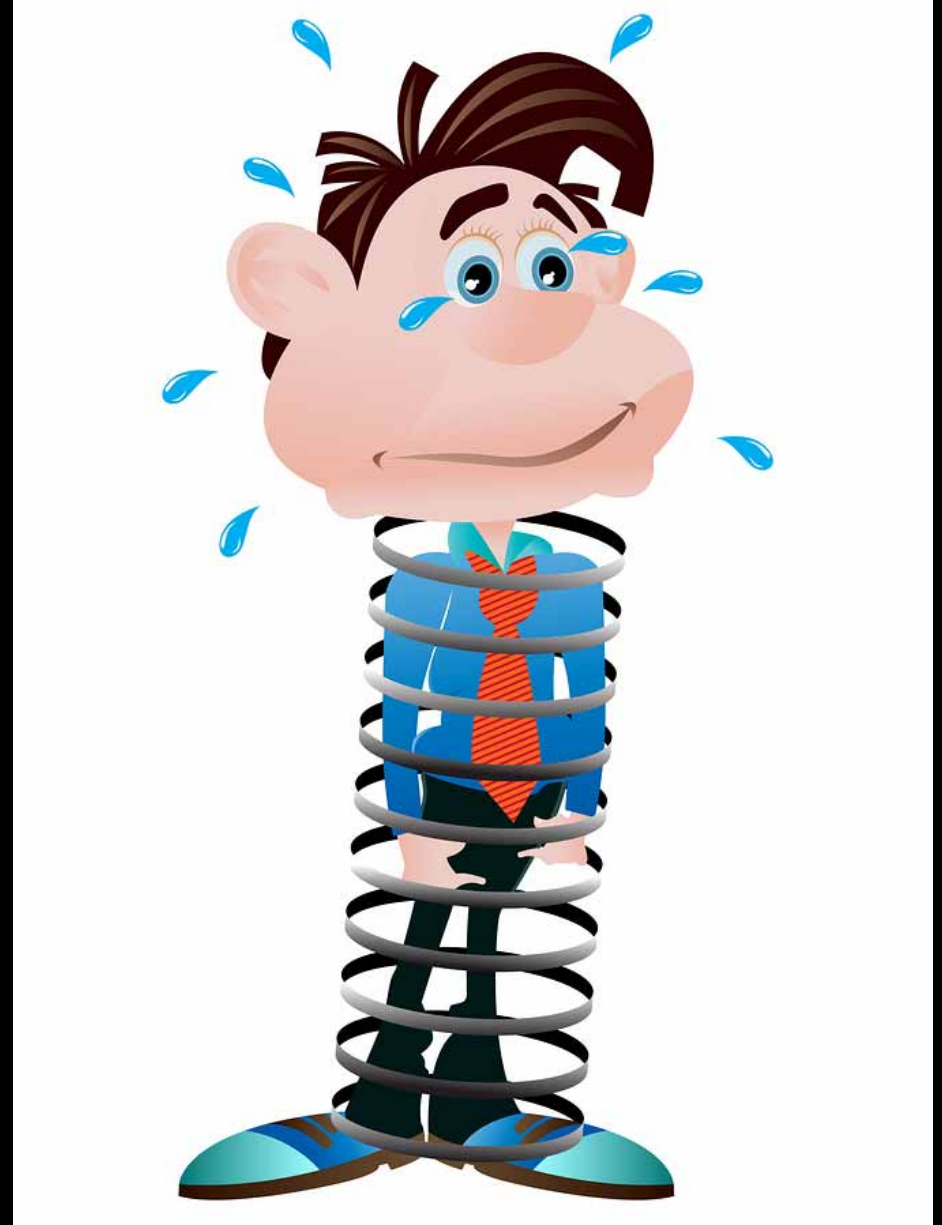
3rd Problem – Hoarding Money

Ecclesiastes 5:13 - 14

- ***Grievous evil . . . hoarding***
- ***Bad investments . . .***

***Hoarding
Money***

***Due To
Fear***



4th Problem – Must Leave It

Ecclesiastes 5:15 - 16

- ***Born naked . . .***
- ***Leave without anything . . .***

5th Problem – Same Difficulties!

Ecclesiastes 5:17

- ***Darkness . . . or, “sadness, evil . . .”***
- ***Great vexation . . . “irritation”***
- ***Sickness . . .***
- ***Anger . . .***

The Recommendation

Ecclesiastes 5:18 - 20

- ***Eat, drink & enjoy***
- ***Gifts from God:***
 - ***Enjoyment***
 - ***Enables the rich to enjoy too!***
- ***Man does not think about life***

Conclusion

1. *God make the poor and rich*
... *1 Samuel 2:7*
2. *God owns everything*
... *Ps. 50:10 - 12*
3. *Be content*
... *Philippians 4:11 - 13*

Conclusion

4. *God wants us to:*

- *Support our family (1 Tim. 5:8)*
- *Give to Him (Mal. 3:8; 2 Cor. 9:6-8)*
- *Help the poor (Ezek. 16:49)*
- *Be hospitable (1 Tim. 3:2)*

5. *Give for outreach*

- *Luke 16:8-9; 3 John 8*

Conclusion

- 6. God to meet your needs*
 - Matthew 6:33*