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Some people say God wants you rich. Some people say, God wants you poor. Which is it? I recently studied 100s of passages, and came to some interesting conclusions, which I summarized in a series of declarations below.

Here are my declarations:

- I am a child of God.¹
- God is for me; no one can stand against me.²
- I am a success. God's work in me will not fail.³
- I am created for eternity.⁴
- I am designed to bring eternal good into the lives of many, many people.⁵
- My dreams and desires are planted and purified by God.⁶
- Through me, God will change my world.⁷
- I serve God, not money.⁸
- I value God over His gifts.⁹
- I value people over things.¹⁰
- I don't need money to feel good about myself.¹¹
- I use money to bring good into the lives of many, many people.¹²
- I am a friend to the poor.¹³
- I use money to buy treasures that endure beyond this life.¹⁴
- I build a lasting inheritance for my children.¹⁵
- I am diligent.¹⁶ I am faithful in little; God will trust me with much.¹⁷
- God empowers me to recognize opportunity.¹⁸
- I seize opportunities and move forward.¹⁹

1 John 1:12

2 Romans 8:31-32

3 Philippians 1:6, Joshua 1:8

4 Ecclesiastes 3:11, John 3:16

5 Luke 8:1-15

6 Galatians 2:20 KJV, Psalm 37:4, Psalm 103:5

7 Hebrews 11

8 Luke 16:13

9 The book of Job

10 Mark 10:17-31, John 12:6

11 1 Timothy 6:6-8, Philippians 4:11-13, Exodus 20:17

12 Acts 9:36

13 Galatians 2:10

14 John 6:27, Luke 16:9, Matthew 6:19-21

15 Proverbs 13:22, Psalm 17:14

16 Proverbs 10:4

17 Luke 16:10

18 Psalm 32:8

19 Matthew 11:12

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- The blessing of the LORD brings me wealth, and He adds no trouble to it.²⁰
- God gives me the ability to produce wealth.²¹
- I value wisdom and integrity over wealth.²²
- Wealth and riches are in my home.²³
- I trust in God, not wealth. I put my hope in Him.²⁴
- I renounce every falsehood that keeps me from the wealth God has for me.²⁵
- I am not unwise; God makes His plan for me clear.²⁶
- I entertain only those thoughts that move me forward in God's plan.²⁷
- God and I create the exact level of my financial success.²⁸
- What the enemy intends for evil, God turns around for good.²⁹
- The enemy may not hinder me from fulfilling the complete will of God.³⁰
- My past mistakes were merely stepping stones to my present and future success.³¹
- Every action I take and every word I speak will reveal the work of God in me.³²
- I think big. I choose to help thousands and thousands of people.³³
- My net worth grows putting me in position to help others.³⁴
- I choose to get paid based on my results.³⁵
- I open wide my mouth and God fills it.³⁶
- As a royal son (or daughter), I am open and willing to receive massive amounts of money or any other blessing God has for me.³⁷
- I am an excellent money manager.³⁸
- I constantly learn and grow.³⁹
- I am a win-win negotiator; everyone will come out ahead when they deal with me.⁴⁰
- Others are eager to learn about the value I bring to them, and I'm eager to tell them with passion and enthusiasm.⁴¹

20 Proverbs 10:22

21 Deuteronomy 8:18

22 Proverbs 8:11, Proverbs 22:1

23 Psalm 112:3

24 1 Timothy 6:17-19

25 3 John 1:2-4

26 Ephesians 5:10, 15-17, Psalm 32:8, Isaiah 30:21

27 2 Corinthians 10:5

28 Psalm 31:15

29 Romans 8:28, see, for example, Genesis 50:20

30 Isaiah 54:17, Luke 10:19

31 Consider, for example, the story of Joshua and the Gibeonites in Joshua 9 & 10. Though Joshua made a mistake, God used it to pave the way for one of the biggest miracles in history.

32 Luke 6:45

33 Ephesians 3:20, Matthew 17:20

34 Luke 19:11-27

35 This is more a practical matter, but an example can be seen in David – see 1 Chronicles 29:28

36 Psalm 81:10

37 Ephesians 3:20

38 Compare Luke 12:42 with much of Proverbs

39 Proverbs 22:29, 1 Timothy 4:15

40 Romans 12:14, Ruth 2:4 (example), Galatians 6:10

41 2 Corinthians 6:3-11

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- God makes clear to me the value I bring to others.⁴²
- My money multiplies and produces enduring wealth.⁴³
- My plans and commitments are in God's hands and subject to His will.⁴⁴

Your own goals here:

Examples:

I commit myself to acquiring a net worth of \$_____ in income producing assets by _____.

Our children will never be deterred from God's plan for their lives due to lack of funds. They will have funds for _____ and whatever else they need to move forward with God's plan.

42 1 Peter 4:10

43 Matthew 25:14-30

44 James 4:13-17, Psalm 31:15