

## A dash between two dates

### **Intro:**

even though we know by now  
that money will not make us happy  
that family will not make us fulfilled  
and that power will not make us immortal  
we seem to want to find out for ourselves

### **Problem:**

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 Esau is an illustration of Solomon's experiment - he is a man whose heart is set upon the world - as we behold his wealth, his legacy, his power, and the meaninglessness of it all, ask yourself the question....

### **Main Idea:**

what good is your wealth  
what good is your legacy  
what good is your power  
without God?

### **Implication:**

what good is wealth without wisdom?  
what good is a legacy without life?  
what good is power without permanence?  
what good is any of it without God?

### **Application:**

Judges 10:1-5

like all of us Esau had a dash between two dates - his wealth, his legacy and his power ultimately meant nothing more than these guys -what will yours mean?

### **Articles to read for further study:**

<https://www.gotquestions.org/wealth-Christian.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/topics/parenting#>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-politics.html>

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text:

### What good is your wealth

Gen. 36:1 ¶ These are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom).  
Gen. 36:2 Esau took his wives **from the Canaanites**: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, Oholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite,  
Gen. 36:3 and Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth.  
Gen. 36:4 And Adah bore to Esau, Eliphaz; Basemath bore Reuel;  
Gen. 36:5 and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.  
Gen. 36:6 ¶ Then Esau took **his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the members of his household, his livestock, all his beasts, and all his property that he had acquired in the land of Canaan**. He went into a land away from his brother Jacob.  
Gen. 36:7 For their **possessions were too great** for them to dwell together. The land of their sojournings could not support them because of their livestock.  
Gen. 36:8 So Esau **settled in** the hill country of **Seir**. (Esau is Edom.)  
Gen 24:1-4; 26:34-35; 27:46; 28:1-8 (chose the world)  
Gen 25:29-34 (he wanted the world)  
Gen 27:36-40 (and got the world)  
Luke 12:13-31 (*what good is wealth without wisdom*)  
Matt 26:6-13 (*don't waste your wealth*)  
the worthiness of your investment is not seen in its result but in its worship - worship is the highest end of our wealth. *what good is your wealth if you do not worship Him with it*

### what good is your legacy (12 grandsons)

Gen. 36:9 ¶ **These are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites** in the hill country of Seir.  
Gen. 36:10 These are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau.  
Gen. 36:11 The sons of Eliphaz were **Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz**.  
Gen. 36:12 (Timna was a concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son; she bore Amalek to Eliphaz.) These are the sons of Adah, Esau's wife.  
Gen. 36:13 These are the sons of Reuel: **Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah**. These are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.  
Gen. 36:14 These are the sons of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: she bore to Esau **Jeush, Jalam, and Korah**.  
Matt 12:46-50 (*what good is a legacy without life*)  
Prov 22:6 (Esau did not train his children)  
Acts 20:25-27 (he couldn't teach (faith) what he didn't know)  
Matt 18:4-7 (*don't waste your legacy*)  
If family religion were duly attended to and properly discharged, I think the preaching of the Word would not be the common instrument of conversion." - Richard Baxter  
*what good is your parenting without a proclamation of the gospel?*

### what good is your power

Gen. 36:15 ¶ These are the **chiefs** of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: the **chiefs** Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz,  
Gen. 36:16 Korah, Gatam, and Amalek; these are the **chiefs** of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah.  
Gen. 36:17 These are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: the **chiefs** Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah; these are the **chiefs** of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife.  
Gen. 36:18 These are the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: the **chiefs** Jeush, Jalam, and Korah; these are the **chiefs** born of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.  
Gen. 36:19 These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their **chiefs**.  
Gen. 36:20 ¶ These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,  
Gen. 36:21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan; these are the **chiefs** of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.  
Gen. 36:22 The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.  
Gen. 36:23 These are the sons of Shobal: Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.  
Gen. 36:24 These are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah; **he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he pastured the donkeys of Zibeon his father**.  
Gen. 36:25 These are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah.  
Gen. 36:26 These are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.  
Gen. 36:27 These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.  
Gen. 36:28 These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.  
Gen. 36:29 These are the chiefs of the Horites: the **chiefs** Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,  
Gen. 36:30 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan; these are the **chiefs** of the Horites, **chief by chief** in the land of Seir.  
Gen. 36:31 ¶ These are the **kings** who **reigned** in the land of Edom, **before any king reigned over the Israelites. (not one mentioned elsewhere)**  
Gen. 36:32 Bela the son of Beor **reigned** in Edom, the name of his city being Dinhabah.  
Gen. 36:33 Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah **reigned** in his place.  
Gen. 36:34 Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites **reigned** in his place.  
Gen. 36:35 Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, **reigned** in his place, the name of his city being Avith.  
Gen. 36:36 Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah **reigned** in his place.  
Gen. 36:37 Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the Euphrates **reigned** in his place.  
Gen. 36:38 Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor **reigned** in his place.  
Gen. 36:39 Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar **reigned** in his place, the name of his city being Pau; his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, daughter of Mezahab.  
Gen. 36:40 ¶ These are the names of the **chiefs** of Esau, according to their clans and their dwelling places, by their names: the **chiefs** Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,  
Gen. 36:41 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,  
Gen. 36:42 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,  
Gen. 36:43 Magdiel, and Iram; these are the **chiefs** of Edom (that is, Esau, the father of Edom), according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession.  
Obad. 1-21 (*what good is power without permanence*)  
Eccl 12:1-8 (*don't waste your power*) a few young people - *what good is your power if there be no passionate pursuit of your true purpose*

### without God?

Gen. 37:1 ¶ **Jacob** lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.  
Heb 11:8-16 (no kings no full tribes, no lands to govern, a sojourner  
Ps 49 (contrast Esau)  
Mk 8:34-38 (*what good is any of it without God*)