

You Can Be Rich Too: How to Break Free from the Shackles of Poverty

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Nkwocha offers practical advice on accruing wealth while still living within the teachings of the Bible.

In *You Can Be Rich Too: How to Break Free from the Shackles of Poverty*, Philip U. Nkwocha, a Nigerian bank manager, asserts that everyone can achieve prosperity by living their lives according to the word of God. Through an examination of the Bible, Nkwocha offers his thoughts and beliefs about what must be done to achieve financial success.

Monetary concerns are nearly universal. There is a lot of information available to help people understand finances, but it can be difficult to navigate through that information to find what is right and what works. *You Can Be Rich Too* provides financial advice based on Christian ideology, offering interpretations of many familiar Bible passages to demonstrate that God wants all people to prosper, and that it requires only putting one's faith in God and acting in accordance with that faith to achieve success.

The book is divided into nine chapters, each concerned with the way people view poverty and wealth, what God wants for his followers, and how to reshape perspective and improve financial habits. The author has clearly put a great deal of thought into interpreting what the Bible has to say about wealth. Many stories and passages are examined for meaning, and the author carefully explains his interpretations and the actions that should then follow. For example, he addresses the well-known passage in which Jesus states that it is easier for a rich man to get through the eye of a needle than it is for him to get into heaven. The author claims that the message here is not that it is wrong to be rich, but that it is wrong to put money before God: "Don't be deceived to believe that having riches is the gateway to hell. I wish to state unequivocally this eternal truth that the more of God you serve the more of His money and success you should have." Though there are minor grammatical errors throughout the book, the author is very effective in getting his message across.

You Can Be Rich Too is intended for a Christian audience. Non-Christians will struggle to get past the biblical discussions to find any useful financial information. However, there is a reasonable amount of sound, practical advice to be found here, such as: "It all begins in the mind. If you are poor in your mind, you will be poor in your thoughts, actions and attendant outputs." Those who are looking for answers that are both spiritual and practical will find much to ponder in the pages of this book.

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