

# Not to Trust in Uncertain riches

by George Fox

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*George Fox teaches that true riches are not found in outward things, but in the eternal and invisible life of God.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:19, 1 Timothy 6:17

**Topics:** "Trust in God", "Eternal Riches"

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## Description

George Fox emphasizes the importance of not placing trust in uncertain riches and worldly possessions, which are temporary and deceptive. He encourages believers to view themselves as pilgrims and strangers in this world, focusing instead on the eternal and durable riches found in a relationship with God. Fox highlights that true wealth comes from knowing the Creator and experiencing the everlasting grace and life He offers. He warns that reliance on material wealth can lead to deception and failure, urging a shift towards spiritual riches that endure forever.

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## Transcript

Not To Trust In Uncertain Riches (1669)

All Friends, be ye as strangers to all things visible and created, but be aquatinted with the Creator, your maker, the Lord God Almighty; for outward things are not durable riches, nor durable substance, nor durable habitations, for they have wings and will fly away; and so therefore be as pilgrims and strangers to the world, and all worldly, created and visible things, and witness redemptions from the earth, that you may reign upon the earth, as kings and priest to God, that you may know a habitation in god, and the riches of his grace and life, that is everlasting, and a substance that fadeth not away, the riches which hath not wings, and the riches that is not deceitful, that is durable and true. For men trusting in outward riches, and outward things, they will deceive and fail them, and have wings and flee away from them. And so man in that state is deceived, and riches are deceitful to him. Therefore, as I said before, be as strangers and pilgrims to the world, and all things therein, possess, as though you did not; be above all such things, and loose to them in the invisible life and power, which is over all things: for the birth that is born again of the immortal seed by the word of God, that lives and abides, and endures forever, and is above all things; for all things are upheld by his word and power. And so be aquatinted with the heavenly and certain riches, the durable substance, and the everlasting possession and inheritance of life, through which you may be acquainted with your maker and Creator, the Lord God Almighty.

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