The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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How to be rich!



What does it take to be rich? Did you know some people spend their whole lives asking this question? How can I be rich?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. The rich man enjoyed big feasts and wore fancy clothes. The poor man, Lazarus, didn't have such fun. He lay on the ground, with sores all over his body. He hardly had any food to eat. The Gospel says that the dogs licked him, as he lay there!

We hear this story every year and every time we hear it, we can learn something new! One of the greatest saints of our Church, Saint John Chrysostom, wrote lots of sermons about this Gospel reading. In one of them, he tells us what it *really* means to be rich.

Think about this! The rich person is not the one who *has* lots of things. The rich person is the one doesn't *need* many things. And you might think that a poor person is somebody who doesn't have much. But really, a poor person is somebody who always *wants* more, more, more.

Do you see how you can be rich, just by your attitude? When we always want more, more, more, we can never be rich! But when we are happy with what we have, we already feel rich! May God help us *all* to be rich...in the right way!