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The Gospel of Luke emphasizes wealth and the right use of possessions more than any other gospel in the New Testament. Scholars speculate that the reason Luke so emphasizes this topic is that his community was more well-off than some other Christian communities, and was also composed mostly of non-Jews who lacked the tradition of charity and hospitality to strangers that is so deeply embedded in Jewish law. Luke emphasizes the topic to teach them this Jewish tradition, and to emphasize how critical it is to living as the body of Christ.

Scholars speculate that Luke's gospel was written sometime around or after 85 CE, and that it was composed in a relatively urban context in the Greek-speaking cities of Asia Minor (Turkey). Luke's focus on non-Jewish Christians is apparent from his tracing of Jesus' ancestry to the father of all humans, Adam, at the beginning of his gospel, and from his sequel, Acts of the Apostles, which traces the spread of Christianity to the Greco-Roman world outside of Palestine. The move toward the Gentiles might also be signaled in the journey motif, which is so central to Jesus' mission and ministry in the gospel (9:51–19:27) and to Paul's multiple preaching trips in Acts. Intriguingly, it is in this journey to Jerusalem section in Luke that most of Luke's/Jesus' teaching on wealth can be found.

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Luke of course does not invent the concern about wealth. He borrows much of Jesus' teaching from Mark's gospel, which tells the stories of the disciples leaving their jobs and families to follow him (Mk 1:18-20 || Lk 5:11), of the rich young man who could not do this (Mk 10:21-28 || Lk 18:22-28), the teaching on paying taxes to Rome (Mk 12:13-17 || Lk 20:20-26), and the praise of the poor widow's offering (Mk 12:41 || Lk 21:1-4). Luke also borrows earlier material on wealth, poverty and possessions from the Q source, with his version of the beatitudes

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