

'Forbes' top 20 richest people in the world

The top 20 richest people overall as estimated by 'Forbes' magazine. Includes home country, wealth in billions and source of wealth:

1. Bill Gates, United States, \$90, Microsoft.
2. Warren Buffett, United States, \$36, Berkshire Hathaway.
3. Paul Allen, United States, \$30, Microsoft.
3. Sultan of Brunei, \$30, oil, gas and investments.
5. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, \$28 billion, oil, investments, property.
6. Steve Ballmer, United States, \$19.5, Microsoft.
7. Hoffmann, Sacher and Oeri families, Switzerland, \$17, Roche pharmaceuticals.
7. Emir of Kuwait, \$17, oil, investments, property.
9. Philip Anschutz, United States, \$16.5, oil, railroads, telecommunications
10. Michael Dell, United States, \$16.5, Dell Computer.
11. Queen Elizabeth II, \$16, investments, property, bulk of which includes Royal Collection held in trust.
11. Alice Walton, United States, \$16, inheritance (Wal-Mart).
11. Helen Walton, United States, \$16, inheritance (Wal-Mart).
11. Jim Walton, United States, \$16, inheritance (Wal-Mart).
11. John Walton, United States, \$16, inheritance (Wal-Mart).
16. Robson Walton, United States, \$15.8, Wal-Mart.
17. Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Al Saud, Saudi Arabia, \$15, investments.
18. Liliane Bettencourt, France, \$13.9, cosmetics.
19. Theo and Karl Albrecht and family, Germany, \$13.6, retail.
20. Li Ka-shing, Hong Kong, \$12.7, real estate, telecommunications, diversified.

Source: The Associated Press

- *Forbes* magazine reports that the four hundred richest persons in the United States are worth \$220 billion, a 41 percent jump from last year. That figure is sufficient cash to wipe out the 1986 budget deficit.

"The wealthy man is the man who is much, not the one who has much."

Karl Marx (1818-1883)

WHAT GIVING DOES TO THE GIVER

Affluence is a potential evil, and its accumulation is certainly often an indication of the unstable personality. The question, "How do we help people shift from greed to generosity?" is one of the great moral questions of the age.

I remember a patient who became very angry when approached for any contribution. "Why should I give what I have to others? It is mine, I tell you!" He is still in treatment for the relief of all sorts of symptoms other than his real disease, which is greed.

Better a poor man with faith in Christ than a rich fool with confidence in money.

From *The Encourager*, Friends Church, Charles Mylander

I'd like to live like a poor man with lots of money.
- Pablo Picasso

ROCKEFELLER The story is told by the chief accountant for one of the wealthiest men who ever lived — John D. Rockefeller, Sr. Someone asked the accountant one day, "How much did John D. leave? We know he was an immensely wealthy man." Without a moment's hesitation, the accountant answered, "Everything!"

The Man Who Has Everything

The words of A.W. Tozer in *The Pursuit of God* should cure any man of materialism:

"The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One.

"Many ordinary treasures may be denied him, or if he is allowed to have them, the enjoyment of them will be so tempered that they will never be necessary to his happiness. If he must see them go, one after one, he will scarcely feel a sense of loss, for having the Source of all things he has in One all satisfaction, all pleasure, all delight.

"Whatever he may lose he has actually lost nothing, for he now has it all in One, and he has it purely, legitimately and forever."

"I find that having a lot of money works for me."

Should I marry her for money?

Wealth and Greed

If you've ever heard someone vow, "If I were rich, I'd give away most of my money," don't bank on it. The stats show that people with higher incomes give away a smaller percentage of their wealth.

INCOME	% GIVEN AWAY
Under \$10,000.....	3.6%
\$10-19,999.....	3.4%
\$20-29,999.....	2.5%
\$30-39,999.....	1.8%
\$40-49,999.....	2.3%
\$50-74,999.....	2.0%
\$75-99,999.....	1.9%
\$100,000 and above.....	2.5%

Are you not ashamed of heaping up the greatest amount of money and honour and reputation, and caring so little about wisdom and truth and the greatest improvement of the soul?
—Socrates (470?-399 B.C.)