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3rd Opulence of the Supreme Lord Sri Krsna - All wealthy

1. One of the opulence's which attracts people the most is Wealth. The dictionary definition of wealth means -
 - Much money or property; great amount of worldly possessions
 - Large amount or abundance
 - Valuable products
2. We tend to think of wealth as money but this is not always the case. In some cultures wealth is measured in land. In others, wealth may reflect how many cows or other livestock is owned. Some cultures determine wealth by the number of sons a man has.
3. Real wealth means good loving relationships and natural products
4. There are a number of wealthy people in the world who own many houses factories and cars. People who are very rich are called multi-millionaires. They have beautiful palaces and sometimes own a private island or a beach.
5. But even the richest person in the world is not the owner of everything. The wealth of all these multi-millionaires is nothing as compared to the wealth of Krishna.
6. In the Bhagavad-Gita, 10.8 Krishna says

*aham sarvasya prabhavo
mattaḥ sarvaṁ pravartate
iti matvā bhajante mām
budhā bhāva-samanvitāḥ*

TRANSLATION

I am the source of all spiritual and material worlds. Everything emanates from Me. The wise who perfectly know this engage in My devotional service and worship Me with all their hearts.

KRISHNA --- ALL WEALTHY

1. Now let us here about the Lord's opulence in the spiritual world, which is far far greater. There are many beautiful prayers, which describe Krishna's abode, Goloka Vrindavan.
2. It is said that He sits on a bejeweled throne.
3. His palace is built with spiritual gems.
4. He is surrounded by millions of desire fulfilling trees.
5. There are thousands of Goddesses of fortune (Laxmi devi) who are constantly serving the Lord.



6. He is the owner of millions of universes.
7. The sun, moon, stars and planets are all moving under His direction. Everything belongs to Him.

Krishna displays His wealth in Dwaraka



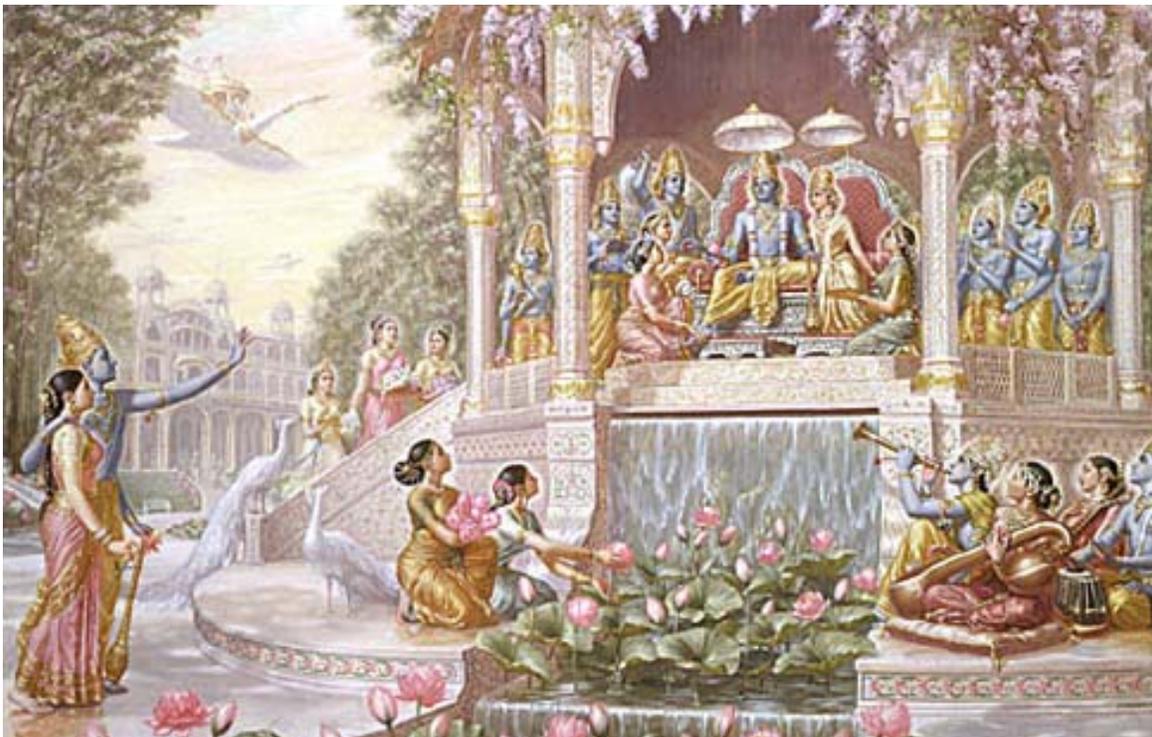
1. When He came to the earth He displayed His unmatched opulence and wealth.
2. As the king of Dwaraka, He had 16,108 beautiful queens. He provided each one of them with a magnificent palace. Not only that, every palace was filled with invaluable jewels, diamonds, gold etc.
3. He also had thousands of servants and soldiers. Thus the wealth of Krishna is like the dazzling brightness of the sun, whereas the wealth of even the multi-millionaires is like the brightness of an insignificant firefly.
4. Once sage Narada wanted to observe the Lord's diverse activities in this unique family situation.
5. Thus he went to Dvaraka. Narada entered one of the sixteen thousand palaces and saw Goddess Rukmini personally rendering menial service to Sri Krishna, despite Her being in the company of thousands of maidservants.
6. As soon as Lord Krishna noticed Narada, He got up from His bed; offered obeisances to the sage and seated him on His own seat. Then the Lord bathed Nārada's feet and sprinkled

the water on His own head. Such was the exemplary behavior of the Lord.

7. After conversing with the Lord for a short while, Narada went to another of His palaces, where the sage saw Sri Krishna playing dice with His queen and Uddhava.
8. Going from there to another palace, he found Lord Krishna cuddling His infant children.
9. In another palace he saw Him preparing to take a bath; In another, performing fire sacrifices, In another, feeding brahmanas. In another, eating the remnants left by brahmanas.
10. In one palace the Lord was performing noontime rituals. In another, quietly chanting the Gayatri mantra; In another, sleeping on His bed;
11. In another, consulting with His ministers;
12. And in yet another, He was joking and laughing with His consort
13. In yet another place He was meditating on the Supersoul. Somewhere He was serving His spiritual masters. Somewhere the Lord was giving charity to brahmanas
14. In another place He was arranging for the marriages of His sons and daughter.
15. Somewhere else He was going out to hunt animal. And elsewhere He was moving about in disguise to find out what the citizens were thinking.

16. Having seen all this, Narada addressed Lord Krishna: "Only because I have served Your lotus feet can I understand these varieties of Your Yogamaya potency, which ordinary living beings bewildered by illusion cannot begin to perceive. Thus I am most fortunate, and I simply desire to travel all over the three worlds chanting the glories of Your pastimes, which purify all the worlds."
17. Sri Krishna asked Narada not to be confused by his vision of the Lord's transcendental opulences and He described to him the purposes of His appearances in this world.
18. He then honored the sage properly, according to religious principles, and Narada departed, continuously meditating on the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Thus, we should know that there is no end to Krishna's wealth. Whatever we have is given to us by Krishna's mercy. We can show our gratefulness to Him by learning how to use everything we have in His service.



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