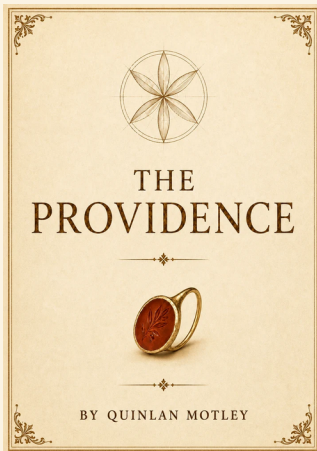

THE PROVIDENCE

By Quinlan Motley

A good, generous man encounters a command his goodness cannot solve.



AT A GLANCE

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Spoiler safe synopsis

Before he is remembered as the rich ruler who kneels before Jesus, he is a hungry boy in Jericho learning how honest measures and shared responsibility can turn scarcity into security. His wealth creates work, stores food, absorbs risk, and protects households. That is what makes the call he eventually hears so difficult.

Biblical and fictional boundary

The novel imagines a life around the unnamed Gospel figure traditionally called the rich young ruler. His childhood, family, work, Jericho home, and aftermath are fiction. Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-22, and Luke 18:18-23 provide the source record.

Approved author biography

Quinlan Motley is a Sunday School Teacher whose faith and service shape the way he lives, helps others, and writes. As a Food Bank Volunteer, GoodNovels.org Author, and Entrepreneur, he is committed to compassion, responsibility, and care for his community. He is also a Retired U.S. Army Captain and Combat Veteran whose Military Service included Deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Across each chapter of his life, he has sought to lead with humility, purpose, and respect for others.

His Novel THE PROVIDENCE imagines the life behind the Rich Ruler's encounter with Jesus. It is a story of ambition, generosity, sacrifice, and the difficult question of what it truly means to have enough. Through historically grounded and morally searching fiction, Motley explores the choices that shape a life and the moments that call everything we value into question.

Suggested interview questions

- Why make the rich ruler a good employer and responsible provider?
- Why is Mark's detail that Jesus loved him central to the novel?
- How did you decide what to imagine without presenting fiction as Scripture?
- What do bread, measures, keys, and ropes allow the novel to say?
- Why refuse an easy answer after the familiar Gospel moment?

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