

Does God Want Me to Have Money?

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Ever heard this saying? "Money makes the world go 'round". It is very hard to live without money. Why is it that many of God's children do not have money and life is very hard for them? Does God want us to be poor? Why were some people in the bible rich yet Jesus, King of Kings, had nothing? There is a lot of confusion on the issue of money and how God feels about money. It is my hope that this booklet will help you understand how God really feels about money and why He feels the way He does.

God gave us commandments in the bible to point us to life. Any actions or thoughts outside of His will lead you to death, why? God is all that is good, true, and holy. He is love, honesty, truth, kindness, mercy, all powerful, all knowing, and always present. There is no other God. Even though people may try and create one, they aren't the Creator, so other gods are just pretend, not real. God knows this and doesn't want you to die, so He said to us in Mark 12:29

And Jesus answered him, The first of all commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

This is what is foremost on God's heart. Why? If you don't know Him and come to understand what it means to do that which is right because you love what is right, then you will die. God loves His creation. He is doing what is right and best for you. God is not cruel, but gentle and humble and loving. He will not force you to see things His way, but will patiently work with you to try and help you understand the truth. When we choose other ways than His we leave Him and place ourselves in grave danger. God will always do what is best for you.

Commandment means 'signpost'. God is pointing the way to happiness, joy, and peace. If you put Him first you will be abundantly cared for, but more on that later.

When people want God to agree with them, they do many ignorant things. This is where most religions come from. It is people's versions of God. When people don't like the truth, they make up something they do like and follow it. If a person will not listen to God they are doomed to follow their own blindness and will die.

How does this pertain to money? I will show you, but first I want you to understand where God is coming from. Why He doesn't just give us loads of money and why He does what He does.

Because money makes our world here on earth turn and without it we are miserable and sad, people will do many things for money. God knows all about it and understands what it is like. When Jesus was here He was homeless, had only one or two changes of clothes, didn't know where His next meal was coming from, and had no money at all. So God has been without money and knows the difficulty of it.

Titus 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

When you love money, and by that I mean make it the top priority in your thinking, you become the servant of it. I've heard it said, "whatever you are into, is into you." This means that if you think only about money, money is your god. If you think mostly about yourself, you are your god. A god is 'that which you live for and serve'.

When God ceases to be god in your life, your spirit will begin to draw away from Him, Life. You will have many sorrows and you will begin to enter a very dark and confusing world. The first commandment is the BIG signpost. We are to always put God (truth, kindness, mercy, love, patience, all that is good) first and all else will fall into place.

Money always leaves and you will be like a person putting water in a bucket with a hole in it, always striving and never having. You will spend your whole life chasing

the ghost of money and never live. If money is the main thing you think about it has become your God, that which you look for to care for you. This will lead you to many, many sorrows and eventual death if you do not change your course.

Does that mean God wants you to be poor? What God wants is for you to let Him take care of you so that you don't bear the burdan of it. Remember, you are His creation the work of His hand. If you try and take care of yourself, you will be very sad and your heart will ache because you are not able to do this and the burdan is too great.

Paul says in Phillipians 4:19, **"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."**

God wants to take care of you. He doesn't want you to try and be your own God, because He knows you cannot and you will suffer greatly.

Jesus said in Matt 11:28-30 **"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. "**

God does not want to burdan you, but to give you rest.....to give you His joy and peace. You were not meant to carry the burdan of watching out for and protecting, preserving, and providing for yourself. This is the burdan of the world. God never intended for His children to carry or bear that burdan.

What happens to those who seek money? Why doesn't God give us lots and lots of money?

Here is what Jesus said about rich people....

Jesus said, "But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation." (Luke 6:24)

Then in Mark 10:25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

If I told you that I had blue rock and anyone who has this blue rock, odds are like 99 percent that they won't go to heaven, no one would even look at it or for it! People would warn their children and neighbors! Watch out for the deadly blue rock!

Here Jesus is saying if you have and love money you aren't going to enter heaven. People pretend they don't know what it means! They pretend they don't understand it.....

1 Tim. 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Folks, money is a curse! Every time you ask God for wealth, you are asking for Him to curse you! If I told you that the little blue rock would drive you into destruction and sin and you would die. That it was a snare for your soul and it would cause you great suffering and almost eminent death. Would you want it? Don't pray for wealth, don't seek money, and don't love it. You will be destroying yourself! DON'T ASK GOD FOR THE BLUE ROCK! Jesus said, "WOE unto those who have it!". Do you believe Him or not?

But what did God say about your needs? On this planet it is very hard to live without money?

Let your blessings come to you from God's hand. Don't let your lusts and desires be what leads you in your prayers. Be like a child receiving from his good parents. Be thankful for whatever you get and don't seek to attain wordly goods. Remember the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread". We are to not be greedy or love money or seek money.

Do not see wealth or huge amounts of money to gratify your fleshly lusts. This is not God's will for you. If you do this, you will die. Your soul will not make it to heaven.

Jesus said in Matt. 6:8 ".....your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him...."

God knows how many hairs are on your head and the desires of your heart. If He were to give you money He would lose you. Don't ask Him for the blue rock. He loves you more than His own life. He made you and will take care of you, but you have to put Him first in your life.

Matt. 6:28-34 And why take ye thought for raiment (clothing)? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil (work) not neither do the spin (worry); And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying What shall we eat? or What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Jesus is saying, "Don't worry about your needs. God knows what you have need of. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and He will give you all you need."

What is the kingdom of God and His righteousness. This means that you have placed knowing Him and doing that which is right and godly first in your life. That

you are more concerned with what He thinks of you and if you are pleasing to Him then you are of anything else. If you don't get to know who He is, you will not make it to heaven. God knows this and will take care of everything else in your life if you will put Him first.

He will test your heart. Do you love Him, the truth? Do you love doing what is right?

You must work at it!

Matt. 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Luke 13:24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

You are going to have really work at it! You are going to have to ask and knock and seek to find Him. It is a laboring process, a striving to enter the gate, at times it will be painful, repenting of all your erred doctrines and selfish ways that you grew to love over the years. Things about yourself that you thought was great, will sicken your stomach as you see from what spirit they came and that they are not of God. There will be times of great remorse for sin. There will be persecution from many, and you will suffer. If you are not experiencing these symptoms or have not that is not a good sign for you.

Please remember, that on this earth we are passing through. Jesus is bringing your reward with Him when He returns.

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Doing the work of God means, "is God working in you?" Are you doing what devils want, seeking wealth, fame, and fortune? Or are you honoring God love, truth, and

righteousness. This is the dividing line between the sheep and the goats!

If you put God first, doing His work first, then humbly ask Him for that which you need and God will care for you. You may be surprised at the doors that open and the opportunities that He will cause to come your way. But be resolved in your heart and your mind that money will always just be 'money' and that it perishes like the fading flower, but that it is God, your Father, that you wish to please. He is ever watching, always with you.

Here is a prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, help me to get to know You. I want to know you. You know all my needs and all that is in my heart, both good and bad. I thank you for your mercy and your love and for Your Son who died for me. I believe with all my heart that You will take care of me. Send Your angels, I pray, to minister to me and Your Holy Spirit to move my heart towards You. I ask that Your angels go before me and open up doors and I ask for opportunities to come upon me so that I may be able to live upon this earth in a way that would bless others who are hurting like me. Help me take You and Your love to them.

I give you all my worries, all my troubles and all my sorrows. I ask You to show me who You are and to lead me into a deep understanding of You. I will no longer worry about my finances or seek money as the cure to my troubles but I will only seek You. I ask You for wisdom, help, and doors to open so that I can just go through them and not think about money and the world all the time.

Father, whatever You ask of me, help me do. For I wish to be pleasing to You always. Please open the doors You desire for me, and close the ones that are harmful to me. For I wish to follow You and know the truth and practice righteousness all my life. Let me not fall into temptation, but deliver me, I pray. Keep me in Your hand and keep me from this world.

In Jesus name I ask, Amen

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