

THINGS MONEY CANNOT BUY

Int.

1. Aim: To show that money is not the most important thing because it cannot buy the really important things in life.
2. 1 Tim. 6:6-11
 - a. In verses 6-8 Paul describes the importance of contentment
 - i. We brought nothing into this world
 - ii. And we will carry nothing out of this world
 - iii. So we need to learn to be content
 - b. In verses 9-10 He tells of the dangers facing those who desire to be rich
 - i. V. 10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."
 - ii. There are many temptations with the desire to be rich
 - iii. "The LOVE of money" is the root of all kinds of evil.
 - iv. Money itself is not evil, but the love of money is what is evil.
 - v. There are a number of evils that may spring from the love of money.
 - vi. Many fall from the faith because of their love of money - Matt. 6:24
3. We talk a lot about money; how to get it, how to spend it, where to spend it, and how to save it. Money is important because...
 - a. We are commanded to work and we must have money to care for our needs
 - b. But money is not all there is to life.
4. Money cannot buy everything we need in life...

Discussion

I. MONEY CANNOT BUY A GOOD NAME

- A. A good name is of great value.
1. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." (Prov. 22:1).
 - a. Good name = reputation
 - b. A good name gives a person peace and satisfaction of mind
 - c. It brings contentment and comfort to life.
 2. We are further told that "a good name is better than precious ointment;..." (Eccl. 7:1). Good name = character
- B. Neither do riches and a good name go hand in hand (necessarily, but note Job).
1. A rich person may have a bad name
 2. A poor person may have a good name. [what will be said at your funeral?]
- C. A good name cannot be purchased with silver and gold.

II. MONEY CANNOT BUY WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

- A. Wisdom and understanding are precious.
1. "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! Yea, to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver." (Prov. 16:16). asv
 2. Proverbs 3:13-15 "Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; 14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her."

3. We are further told: "For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it." (Prov. 8:11).
 4. Job said in Job 28:15 that, "It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof."
 5. Job 28:28 says..."Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."
- B. Wisdom - proper application of knowledge. best course of action to please God & men
1. Know how to make the right decisions based on the information from God's word.
 2. It is more valuable to have wisdom than rubies and gold.
 3. Money cannot buy Wisdom and understanding
- C. If we lack wisdom, we are to ask of God in faith. (See Jas. 1:5,6).

III. MONEY CANNOT BRING UP A CHILD IN THE LORD'S WAY

- A. It is of utmost importance that our children be properly trained.
1. Paul says, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4).
 2. God expects and demands of us that we rear our children in righteousness.
 3. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" Prov. 22:6 Instruction + Discipline + Example
- B. No amount of money can assure one that his child will be properly trained
1. Every parent has a solemn responsibility to his children.
 2. Every child has the right to be properly taught (and cared for).
 3. You cannot hire others to bring up your child in the right way.
 4. Money will not train a child. It has to be done by the parents.

IV. MONEY CANNOT BUY A GENTLE AND QUIET SPIRIT

- A. Our attitude and disposition will determine our eternal destiny.
1. We learn from 1 Pet. 3:4 NKJV “rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”
 - a. A calm temper, a contented mind
 - b. By meekness we mean gentleness, easiness and sweetness of spirit, in opposition to ill-tempered, rebellious, full of pride, passion,
 - c. By quietness, a peaceable, still, modest temper, in opposition to opinionated, talkativeness, protesting individual
 - d. A heart that is free from pride, envy and irritability
 2. The gentle and quiet spirit is valuable in the sight of God
- B. The riches of a billionaire are worthless as far as buying a meek and quiet spirit. This must be developed by the individual from within.

V. MONEY CANNOT BUY FORGIVENESS OF SIN

- A. Sin is a mean and ugly thing. It is dark and bleak.
1. It will destroy one here and ultimately lead to eternal ruin unless it is removed.
 2. Peter tells us, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” (1 Pet. 1:18,19).
 3. John said: “Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood.” (Rev. 1:5).

- B. No amount of money can remove the smallest sin.
 1. It takes the precious blood of our blessed Saviour.
 2. Heb. 2:9 - Jesus tasted death for every man. He died in our place.

VI. MONEY CANNOT ELIMINATE DEATH

- A. Death is dreaded and would be avoided by most people if it were possible.
 1. All--whether rich or poor - must die.
 2. Death is a universal appointment. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27).
- B. Money is indeed weak and worthless as far as defying or warding off death is concerned. Rich people die as well as the poor.

VII. MONEY CANNOT REMOVE A SOUL FROM HADES

- A. We learn from Lk. 16:19-31 that a rich man died, and was buried, and hell (hades) he lifted up his eyes, being in torments.
 1. Although he pleaded for mercy, he was told that a great gulf separated him from the righteous and neither could cross over to the other.
 2. In other words, it was now too late to avoid or to get out of torment.
- B. He could not buy nor pray his way out of Hades.
 1. Hades is the place where all souls / spirits go after death
 2. There is a place of comfort for the righteous
 3. And there is a place of torment for the evil
 4. Money did not help him after death.

VIII. MONEY CANNOT PROFIT IN THE DAY OF WRATH

- A. Although one may enjoy the provisions of material riches during his lifetime on the earth, he can take none of them with him when he dies.
 1. Neither can they be of further use to him.
 2. The wise man tells us that "Riches profit not in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivereth from death." (Prov. 11:4). Ps. 49:1-20
- B. It's not what we possess, but it is how we possess it, that will count in judgement. It is not what we have, but what we are that will profit in the day of wrath.
- C. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

CONCLUSION

1. I am not suggesting that we do not need money, because we must have money for food, clothing, house, health care and the work of the church.
 - a. 2 Thes. 3:10 - "if any would not work, neither should he eat."
 - b. 1 Tim. 5:8 "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."
 - c. 1 Cor. 16:1-2 - Collection "let every one of you lay by him in store"
2. But think about the things in life that money cannot buy that are really the most important things of life:
 - a. A good name
 - b. Wisdom
 - c. Training our children
 - d. Gentle Spirit
 - e. Forgiveness of sins

3. And then remember that money cannot
 - a. Eliminate death
 - b. Remove a soul from hades
 - c. Profit in the day of wrath
 4. Money is not the most important thing in the world.
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