

# A Biblical World View of Money and Possessions

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Intro: "What would you be willing to do for 10 Million dollars?" According to *"The Day America told the Truth,"*

25% would abandon their family, wife, children, etc. 23% would become a prostitute for week. 7% said they would be willing to kill a stranger for \$10 million.

I. We need to have a \_\_\_\_\_ about Money.

A. Money is \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

- 1.) If you are untrustworthy with the \_\_\_\_\_ wealth, how can you expect God to give you the true riches of Heaven? There is a direct connection!
- 2.) Money is an exact \_\_\_\_\_ of your true character and values. It gauges your spiritual condition by your actions and attitudes regarding possessions.
- 3.) Jesus judged the reality of Zachaeus' \_\_\_\_\_ by his willingness to depart with his money and possessions.
- 4.) Rom. 14:12 One day we will all have to give an \_\_\_\_\_ of our stewardship.

B. You cannot understand Biblical Stewardship until you grasp who \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- 1.) Many of our \_\_\_\_\_ problems begin when we forget that God is the owner of everything. I Cor. 6:19-20.
- 2.) God is the rightful \_\_\_\_\_ of everything. Ps. 24:1; I Chron. 29:11-12; Hag. 2:8
- 3.) Many Christians have forfeited eternal \_\_\_\_\_, i.e. souls, because they have failed to handle their money well. Luke 14:11-22.
- 4.) Jesus teaches us that everyone must be Faithful and \_\_\_\_\_ servants. God's servants must be wise, resourceful, and strategic thinkers regarding the best eternal investments of God's resources that He has entrusted us with.
- 5.) Are we really ready for the Lord to call for an \_\_\_\_\_ of our stewardship?

II. Worldly perspectives that impede a \_\_\_\_\_ of Faithful Money Manager.

A. Having money is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1.) Just because you have excess money does not mean that God is blessing you.
- 2.) Money itself is not bad. Evil doesn't reside in money. People may be moral or immoral, but \_\_\_\_\_ and things are morally neutral. They can be used for good or bad.
- 3.) No man can serve God and money. Use it, but don't serve it. Our greatest resources are spiritual, not material; relationships not riches in Materialism.
- 4.) Prov. 30:8-9 Give me neither poverty nor riches...Lest I be full and deny thee

B. Having money can make me \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The false god of Materialism entices us to seek \_\_\_\_\_ from without, not from what is from within.
  - a.) Luke 12:15 A man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses. See examples in Achan's greed, Gehazi's leprosy, Judas' betrayal.
  - b.) God created us to love people and use things, but a Materialist loves things and uses people. Materialism has crept into the church. A materialistic world can never be won to Christ by a materialistic Church.
  - c.) The love of \_\_\_\_\_ is a form of self-destruction. I Tim.6:-10 "...fall into a temptation and a snare..."
  - d.) The love of \_\_\_\_\_ increases our worries. Prov.15:6
  - e.) Worldly \_\_\_\_\_ can make us unfaithful and unfruitful. Prov. 11:4
  - f.) Worldly wealth can make us to have \_\_\_\_\_ treasures in heaven.

### III. Dangers of the Fatal Flaws of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Materialism is \_\_\_\_\_-centered, not \_\_\_\_\_-centered.
  - 1.) It affects everyone in the family.
  - 2.) Spoiling children out of LOVE is a form of child abuse.
- B. Materialism blinds us to the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of our souls. Ex. Laodicea
- C. Materialism blinds us to the curse of worldly \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1.) It often transforms us into a proud rich person.
  - 2.) Financial struggles may be God's character building gift.
  - 3.) The bait of wealth often hides the hook of addiction and enslavement.
- D. Materialism brings unhappiness and \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Materialism often ends in \_\_\_\_\_. Eccl.2:8-11 "All is vanity..."
- F. Materialism will not help us in the day of \_\_\_\_\_. Prov.11:4
- G. Materialism spawns \_\_\_\_\_ and self-sufficiency.
  - 1.) We have exploded in prosperity and yet we have imploded spiritually.
  - 2.) The god of Materialism is destroying this nation.
- H. Materialism leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and elitism.
  - 1.) Ps.52:7 Wealth insulates us from discerning the depth of our spiritual needs.
  - 2.) The wealthier a man is, the greater the opportunity for injustice.
- I. Materialism fosters \_\_\_\_\_ and the deterioration of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1.) Those who indulge their material appetites are not likely to curb their sexual appetites.
  - 2.) Ex. David and Bathsheba

IV Conclusion: Are we living our lives to build earthly monuments or an eternal message that will last for eternity? Song: "I would rather have Jesus..."