

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT MATERIAL POSSESSIONS?

I. IS IT WRONG FOR CHRISTIANS TO BE WEALTHY?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I TIM 6:10,17; 5:8 PROV 10:4, 22 JOB 1:20-21
LK 8:1-3 JOHN 12:3

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. The Bible never condemns anyone for having money. It is their attitude toward money that may be wrong. I Tim 6:10 Prov 10:22
2. Even though Job's wealth was taken away, he still served and blessed God. Job 1:20-21
3. Riches that are acquired honestly are the result of sowing and reaping. Pr 10:4
4. Riches are blessings are from the Lord. Pro. 10:22
5. Riches are not to makes us snobs but people of faith. I Tim 6:17
6. Jesus was accompanied by people of substance--who shared of their substance to meet the needs of the ministry. Lk 8:1-3 Jn. 12:3
7. We are to provide for our family. I Tim 5:8

II. WHEN DOES MONEY INTERFERE WITH OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

THE BIBLE SAYS: MARK 10:23-27 PRO 11:4 MATT 6:19-21
COL 3:1-2 LK 12:15 I SAM 16:7 PRO 23:4
ECCL 5:10-12 PHIL 4:19 DEUT 8:17-18

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

Money interferes with our relationship with God when:

1. You trust in money rather than trusting in God. Mark 10:23-27 Pro 11:4
2. Your affections are set upon earthly possessions more than heavenly possessions. Matt 6:19-21 Col 3:1-2
3. You think spirituality & God's blessings are measured by material blessings. Lk 12:15 I Sam 16:7
4. Your #1 objective in life is to earn as much money as possible. Pro 23:4 Eccl 5:10-12
5. You think you are providing for your own needs instead of God providing them. Phil 4:19 Deut 8:17-18

III.. WHAT ARE THE PROPER ATTITUDES THAT I SHOULD DEVELOP TOWARD PHYSICAL POSSESSIONS?

THE BIBLE SAYS: HEB 13:5 I TIM 6:8 PHIL 4:11
DEUT 6:10-12 JOB 1:20-21 PS 49:16-17 PRO 20:21; 28:20, 22

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Be content with what you have. Heb 13:5 I Tim 6:8 Phil 4:11
2. Realize that there are some things money can't buy:
Wisdom--Pro 16:16 Health--Lk 8:43 Peace--Eccl 4:6
3. When God blesses you, don't forget him. Deut 6:10-12
4. Realize all you have is from God; if he chooses to remove it, don't let that affect your relationship with Him. Job 1:20-21
5. Do not be envious of someone else's wealth. Psa 49:16-17
6. Be careful of "get rich schemes." Pro 20:21; 28:20, 22

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