

“What’s The Big Deal about Dough?”

Mark 10:17-27

Luke 12:13-34

1 Timothy 6:6-11

I. Reasons why you can’t afford to be worldly wealthy - Ecclesiastes 5:9-20.

Listen to the wisdom of Solomon about whom the Queen of Sheba said, “It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and behold the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard,” – 1 Kings 10:6-8.

- A. NO satisfaction (v. 10)
- B. NO sleep (V. 12)
- C. NO security (v. 14)

Solomon had great wisdom from God and great wealth of the world and left us these warnings to heed. Our security in life is not in a big nest egg. In some cases, having a nest egg will prevent us from experiencing the greatest adventure of life, adventures of Faith.

You may be thinking then “Is Affluence Unbiblical?”

II. Ways in which you can be financial free.

- A. Financial freedom is realizing that true prosperity comes only from God. Duet. 8:18
- B. Financial freedom is choosing to serve God rather than money. Matt. 6:19-24
- C. Financial freedom is giving God tithes and offerings. Prov. 3:9,10; Mal. 3:8-10
- D. Financial freedom is learning how to abound and how to suffer need. Phil. 4:12
- E. Financial freedom is keeping out of debt. Rom. 13:8
- F. Financial freedom is choosing a great name rather than great riches. Prov. 22:1
- G. Financial freedom is knowing how to receive funds through prayer. Eph. 3:20
- H. Financial freedom is detecting and conjuring slothfulness. 1 Thess. 3:10; Luke 12:19
- I. Financial freedom is recognizing and rejecting false financial concepts. 1 Cor. 7:22
 - 1. Be your own boss
 - 2. Get rich quick
- J. Financial freedom is having sales resistance. 1 John 2:16
- K. Financial freedom is keeping accurate and useful records. 1 Cor. 4:2
- L. Financial freedom is refusing to lend or co-sign. Prov. 6:1-3

III. How to pursue the right kind of riches

- A. there are two ways to get riches.
 - 1. Seek first the kingdom of God.
 - 2. Overcome every obstacle to get what you want.
- B. There are four purposes of money.
 - 1. To provide basic needs.
 - God’s wisdom in this purpose is:
 - To establish daily dependence on Him
 - To deepen our love for the Lord
 - To develop a spirit of gratefulness
 - To teach us to live within our means
 - To help us to enjoy our possessions
 - 2. To confirm direction
 - God’s wisdom in this purpose is:
 - To build our faith and vision
 - To determine who is the Lord of our life
 - To protect us from harmful items
 - To teach us patience

- To concentrate on true riches
- 3. To give to Christians.
God's wisdom in this purpose is:
To unite Christians
To demonstrate the mark of a Christian
To initiate spontaneous thanksgiving
To multiply to potential for giving
- 4. To illustrate God's goodness and power.
God's wisdom in this purpose is:
To cause Christians to trust Him
To mock the false gods of our age
To purify our lives and motives To bring non-Christians to salvation
To glorify God

Personal commitment to God's purposes for money. "My financial decisions will be based on being content with food and clothing, waiting patiently for God to provide, distributing to the necessities of the saints, and proving God with tithes and offerings.

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