

WHERE IS YOUR SOURCE?

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Source defined: origin, someone who originates or causes or initiates something. A place or thing from which something is obtained or derived. The place where something begins.

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Much of the teaching by many media preachers on the subject of money and even many other topics tends to be man centered not God centered. All of us have looked to alternate sources for our needs to be met rather than look to God. God wants us to remember that He is the source of every good and perfect gift. - James 1:17. He can be trusted to meet all of our needs. Although He uses others to be channels of blessing to us at times, we must not look to others to meet our needs but look only to God from whom all blessings flow.

God sought to teach His people this lesson after He delivered them out of slavery in Egypt, brought them through the Red Sea and then led them into the desert. They had to trust God fully for their daily needs of food, water, clothing and good health. As they prepared to enter the promised land, God spoke:

Remember how the the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. - Deuteronomy 8:2-4 NIV

God then told them about the promised land with abundant water, food and other resources. He then warned them that when they became prosperous, not to become proud in heart and forget Him, nor how He saved them out of Egypt and brought them safely through the vast desert. - Deut.8:10-16.

You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me'. But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today. If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. - Deuteronomy 8:17-19 NIV

The Privilege of Creators and Inventors

When someone writes a book, makes a painting, creates beautiful songs or invents something useful or unique, it is only proper that they would receive credit for it. They often will get a copyright or a patent to protect their rights of ownership. God does no such thing as He simply wants us to appreciate and honor Him for giving us so much to freely enjoy and benefit from. We own nothing but are simply meant to be stewards and grateful recipients of God's magnanimous generosity.

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. - Psalm 24:1

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. - 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Money and things should not be the source for our identity, security or meaning. **God must be the one source** we look to for those values. God is the place where our views must be begin. (note the **The last call** of God to earth from an angel in a **loud voice** reminds them that he is the source and creator of all things.

Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water. - Revelation 14:7

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever! Amen.

- Romans 11:36

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