

Money

Someone asked the question on Facebook, "What is more valuable than money?" I answered, my soul, family, health for my first 3 answers. There were many more answers, but I thought the answers showed there are a lot of things more important than money. That is what the Bible teaches in various passages.

Luke 12:15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Ecclesiastes 7:1a A good name is better than precious ointment,

I think most of the readers of this article will have their own list of various things which money cannot buy or you would not trade for a whole sack of money.

This got me to thinking, "what is money more valuable than in your life?" What would I trade to receive that "sack of money"? We do trade our time and effort for a pay check. Also, we spend time going to school in order to get a job and earn a living. There are things we sell if someone offers the right price. Strangely enough, some of the very things people say is more valuable than money they trade to receive money.

However, is it really money we desire or something else we can purchase with it? A few people may be content to just sit back and count their currency, but for most of us that is not beneficial. Ultimately, money is of little interest or use if you cannot purchase something with it.

Furthermore, what we purchase with or what we do with our money really shows our value system. I once heard a person say, "All you need to see a person's values is their checkbook". Today this might be changed to our bank statement. Obviously, there are the necessities of life, food, clothing, shelter, to name major categories. But what else do we buy? Is it benevolence, recreation, or perhaps things that ought to be left alone? This says something about a person's values.

Finally, I will leave you with Paul's writing in *1 Timothy 6*. "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." (*1 Timothy 6:10*) "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in

uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.” (1 Timothy 6:17-19) One cannot buy their way into heaven but they can use it as a tool in order to get there. – Dennis Tucker