

Money - cont.

Position in the Lord's church cannot be bought with money. Simon found this out the hard way (Acts 8:20). [Note: The term "simony" means to buy or sell a church office and it comes from Simon and this story in Acts 8.]

Salvation from sin cannot be bought with money. We are saved by the blood of Jesus, not by gold or silver (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Faithfulness to the Lord cannot be bought with money. The Laodicean church was physically rich, but spiritually poor (Revelation 3:17-18).

Judgment day sentencing cannot be bought with money. Christ, the judge, will have the final word and money will not change his mind (Proverbs 11:4; Matthew 16:26).

Judas could not fix his problems with money (Matthew 27:1-5).

Sometimes a person will say, "I will pay to have it fixed." But we have learned in this lesson that there are some things that money cannot buy.

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- Thought of the Week -

I am told in God's word that as a Christian I am to walk worthily of the gospel (Ephesians 4:1). Am I going to act in a worthy manner this week? Am I going to live up to the standard of the gospel? Am I going to meet the requirements of the gospel in order to receive the blessings of the gospel? To walk worthily means to walk in a suitable manner. I will be blessed this week, not because I automatically get a blessing, but because I deserve to get a blessing from my obedience.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Some Things Money Cannot Buy

Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit. But Peter said unto him, Thy silver perish with thee, because thou hast thought to obtain the gift of God with money.

- Acts 8:18-20 -

In the book of Acts, we read of an interesting account involving someone who offered others money. When Simon the Sorcerer, now become Christian, saw the apostles laying their hands on the people, he offered money to be able to do the same thing. Peter rejected Simon and his money. Simon learned that there are some things money cannot buy.

When we read our Bibles, we learn the same thing. We learn that there are many things that cannot be bought by money. So much of our life today involves money that one may think that money is everything. But it is not.

Money Is Not Everything

While buying and selling is a big part of our culture, it is not everything.

We need to keep money in its proper perspective.

Some people let money control them. Their decisions are controlled by money, their priorities are controlled by money, values are controlled by money, etc. What a shame that some many people cannot think much above what money can buy (1 Samuel 8:1-3; Micah 3:10; Acts 16:19; 24:26; 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Titus 1:10).



Other people let money be the standard of their social circles. They will make friends and associate with others who have the same kind of money. Apparently, some New Testament Christians were even acting like this (James 2:1-4).

Friends, money can't buy everything! The sooner we learn this, the better off we will be.

Some Things Money Cannot Buy

Loyalty to God's word cannot be bought with money. Balaam had to learn the importance of speaking God's word only and not being bribed to say something other than God's word (Numbers 22:18).

God's wisdom cannot be bought with money. The truth of God's word and the application of it cannot be bought. God's wisdom is also valued above all the money in the world (Job 28:15-19; James 1:5-6).

True happiness, contentment, and peace cannot be bought with money. The very thing that so many people are trying to get in life - peace of mind - cannot be bought. They are working overtime to get it and they are still unhappy. True joy is found in God, not in things (Ecclesiastes 1-2; 12:13-14).

Another day of life cannot be bought with money. Ultimately, we do not control the length of time we are going to live, God does. When it is our time to die, we are going to die and money cannot change that (Luke 12:20; 16:22).

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