



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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BE THE MASTER OF YOUR MONEY!

Jesus taught that knowledge about money is very important. Money plays a crucial role in our lives. We cannot deal without it. Even God's church must deal with money. So, the issue facing us is not whether we will deal with money, but rather the level of importance or priority it has in our lives.

In a very recent poll on 4000 nations, we discovered that the Americans and those who live in United States of America became under heavy stress and depression due to the desire of having money at any cost. For Jesus, the money is a spiritual issue. therefore, we must address it for three reasons:

- 1) The Bible has more to say about money than any other subject.
- 2) When we give, the church makes progress.
- 3) There is a special blessing when we give.

Obviously, daily, we work for money, we live for money, we think about money, we wish we had more, and worry that we don't have enough. Where is our treasure? The good news is that Jesus does not leave us in the ignorance. He helps us to find the answer by giving us 4 tests.

1. The test of durability. How long will last our treasure? In Matthew 6 verse 19 and 20, Jesus commands us not to place our treasure on earth where moth can destroy it. But to place our treasures in the banks of heaven.

Everything on earth will decay and gold will disappear. Buses, boats, homes, clothes, jobs, salaries, vacations, portfolios, and high rises will all pass away. They will wear out, rust out, blow up, now fall apart. Nothing that is material lasts forever.

2. The test of our heart. Where is our treasure, also will be our heart. Jesus would like to say to us that our heart follows our money contrary to what we think. We believe that our money follows



our heart. Whatever you spend your time and your money on, it will become very important to you. When we give our time and our money for God's things, we place our treasure in the kingdom of God.

3. The test of our spirit. If our spirit worries only for the earthly things, we walk in the darkness. When money is the number one priority of our life, it can make us blind and destroy our spiritual life. Where do we concentrate our purpose of life? Is it on the material or spiritual things?

4. The test of your will. Who is your Master? God or your properties? Jesus told us in Matthew 6 verse 24 that nobody can serve two masters at the same time. More often, instead of mastering our properties, our money, and our time, they master us because our assets control us. The key issue here is one of attitude. One approach says that we are the owners. The other joyfully confesses our dependence on God as the Owner of all. Therefore, if we do not recognize God as the Owner of the money, He places in our hands to manage, then that money begins to own

us! This is why he makes a contrast in the context of whom or what we serve. "You cannot serve both God and money" (Matthew 6:24).



"The length and happiness of life consist not in the amount of our earthly possessions. The foolish rich man in his supreme selfishness had laid up for himself treasures that he could not use. He had lived only for himself. He had overreached in trade, had made sharp bargains, and had not been exercised by mercy or the love of God. Through his covetousness he lost both worlds."

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My friends, have you made the resolution to amass treasures on this earth? Do you concentrate only on the material and temporary things of this world? If yes, you are in big trouble. Listen if you are not rich for God, and the Word of God calls you a fool.

Today, there is still hope for you. Therefore, I encourage you to take regularly these 4 tests during your life to make sure that you are mastering your money and not the other way around.