



“... Money answers all things.” Ecclesiastes 10:19a

“If only I had a million dollars!?” How many times have you heard people say something like that? How many times have you thought it? No doubt about it, money talks, but let us be careful what we hear it saying to us!

“...Money is a defense...” (Ecclesiastes 7:12b). It may be so, but it is an unsure and fleeting defense. “Come now, you rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver are rusted, and their rust shall be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh as fire. You have heaped up treasure together for the last days.” (James 5:1 – 3).

It is just a simple matter of whom or what possesses whom or what?! Used as a tool, money is an “answer to all things.” It is helpful and is a great blessing when we use it to serve us and help us serve others. As a god, money is demanding and destroys lives. It is an unrelenting task master.

Be discerning here... because money is often tied directly to spiritual issues. Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and money!” (Matthew 6:24). You can be dirt broke and still worship money! This is then clearly not just the rich man’s problem. It is all together possible that more poor folk than rich worship at the altar of money. The rich man should know the emptiness of it and the poor can be enthralled by its alluring promise.

Fix your eyes not upon the provision, but upon the Provider. Don’t look to the treasury, but to the Treasurer!

Our Founders understood this when they printed our currency and coin with the words boldly inscribed upon it, “In God we trust.” Check your heart. Jesus alone is the final answer to your every problem! Is your trust in God, or in your bank account?

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