

INTRODUCTION

Expression: "No man is so poor as he who has only money."

(2 Corinthians 6:10) "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

It's tragic when treasure does more TO some people than what it does FOR them."

1. (Proverbs 15:16) "Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure with trouble."

(Proverbs 15:17; 16:8; 17:1)

Of what value is treasure with trouble, steak with hate, might with not right, rich life with strife?

2. (Luke 12:15) "Jesus said, Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses"

Don't determine the value of your life by amount of possessions.

(Matt. 6:25) "Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" Note: (v32-33)

3. (Ephesians 5:15-16) "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil"

Expression: "Money cannot buy time;" so, use it wisely.

(Psalm 90:12) "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom"

(Romans 13:12-14) "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore ... "

4. (Proverbs 8:10) "Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than rubies ..."

(Proverbs 16:16) "How much better to get wisdom than gold!

And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver."

Expression: "There is no knowledge so valuable as a knowledge of what is valuable."

(James 3:14 - 17) and (Philippians 3:8)

5. (Proverbs 19:22) "... and a poor man is better than a liar"

Expression: "Honesty is the best policy."

This works in society and in Christian living.

6. (Proverbs 22:1) "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold"

It's OK to give up gold to make a good character (good name), but do not give up a good name to gain silver and gold.

Reputation is what people think we are; character is what we really are.

7. (Mark 8:36-37) "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Expression: "Can't take it with you" and

"Everything you own will one day be owned by someone else."

Your soul is of more value than a world of wealth.

(1 Peter 1:18-19) "knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold ... but with the precious blood of Christ ... "