

Do You Really Want The Best?

Once there were two sisters whose aunt had died a month earlier. On this day they were to report to the family's personal attorney to find out what was their inheritance. As they sat at the table, the attorney turned to one sister and told her that her aunt left her 50,000 dollars. The woman who received this inheritance leaped for joy! The attorney turned to the other sister and announced that her aunt left her the family Bible. The woman became raged, jumped up from the table and stormed out the door! I can imagine that many are thinking the same while reading this meditation saying to themselves, "I don't blame the woman for being angry."

Let's analyze this story. Money and a Bible. One is temporary and one is eternal. One paves the way to salvation and one does not. Imagine yourself sitting at the table with your sister and the attorney awards money to your sister and the attorney awards Christ to you. But you are not satisfied, for it is the money you want before Christ. So Christ is rejected or maybe you are thinking to yourself, "why can't I have both?" There is another word for this way of thinking (carnality). The attorney can only reward you with one. My brothers and sisters, "[Do You Want The Best?](#)"

The dollar verses the Bible. God does not have a problem with us wanting or having money, but when money takes precedence over the very best for your life (His word), it truly becomes a major issue! The woman who did not receive a financial inheritance demonstrated just that. God's word is the ultimate! A treasure we will one day experience only if one is a child of the Lord most high.

Without the correct mindset money can become a problem. **1 Timothy 6:10 NASB – (10)** For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many grief's.

Money cannot be the priority or competitive with the Lord most high. **Matthew 6:24 NASB – (24)** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other You cannot serve God and wealth.

Money will not save you; only Jesus Christ will. **John 14:6 NASB - (6)** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

The Bible tells the story about the rich man. **Mark 10:17-22 NLT - (17)** As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **(18)** "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good. **(19)** But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.' "**(20)** "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." **(21)** Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." **(22)** At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

When we have Christ, happiness is eternal. "[Do you want the best?](#)" Choose Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 12:15

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do not measure God's mind with your own.

