

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- November 12, 2015

“Tombstone With \$-sign”

Have you ever seen a tombstone with a dollar sign on it? Neither have I. At the end of life, people are not interested in reading an obituary with a balance sheet of wealth; rather they are looking for a story of the person's service to humanity and what he or she contribute to society.

It is known that Abraham Lincoln had no great admiration for financial success. “Financial Success,” he once said “is purely metallic. The man who gains it has four metallic attributes: Gold in his palm, silver on his tongue, brass in his face, and iron in his heart!” Something to think about!

How does God view wealth? You will be surprised to know that God wants humanity to be successful and prosperous. What He is totally against is the LOVE of Money!! Not money – but the love of it. If there is a “love of money,” inevitably Greed, Control, Selfishness, Pride and Injustice will follow. Money will be first while God and everything else will be relegated to a secondary position.

The Bible offers five points about Money in Ecclesiastes 5:10-17:

- The More We Have, The More We Want (v. 10)
- The More We Have, The More We Spend (v. 11)
- The More We Have, the More We Worry (v. 12)
- The More We Have, The More We Lose (vv. 13, 14)
- The More We Have, the More We Leave Behind (vv. 14-17)

Friends, Money and possessions are not evil as long as we are not enslaved by them. Honor God with your money. After all, “naked we come and naked we will leave this world.” Jesus encourages us to lay up treasures in heaven. How can we do it? The answer is simple. Giving to the poor. Paying fair wages. Giving to God's work. And the list goes on...As God has been good and generous to you, be generous to others and to God's work and begin to “lay treasures in heaven.”

Have a blessed week. See you in church Sunday.

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