

Is Your Pursuit of Money Robbing You Of Complete Fulfillment?



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Do you think it's acceptable for people to make millions of dollars in their pursuit of money selling us and our kids on the idea that pre-marital sex, adultery, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, selfish ambitions, drunkenness and things of this sort are O.K.?

I thought not, but these are the things we are most likely to see on T.V. The new reality show craze is even causing society to take a passive and some times condoning look at sin, while making big bucks in the process.

Proverbs 12:14 - There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Let's take a quick look at what sin really is. It is disobedience to any of the ten commandments of God, it is evil or conspiring thoughts, and it is an offense against someone else. Sin is what separates us from God. This is

something sinners and people who condone sin never truly understand.

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

God is more likely to listen to the people who obey His commandments and keep his word than to people who make excuses to sin, or condone others who sin. He is also more likely to hear the complaints of the poor and the oppressed than to the rich and famous.

Revelation 3:17 - Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

People who make a lot of money and become famous in life tend to want or expect to be praised for their accomplishments and soon get caught up in self worth with the rest of society.

They don't seem to comprehend the fact that God is the owner and supplier of everything each and everyone of us has or gets. Instead of glorifying and acknowledging God most people tend to want to pat themselves on the back when receiving the praises of others.

Matthew 6:24 - No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

In the particular verse above mammon means a personification of wealth and avarice as an evil spirit, which means there is a certain obsession you can have with money that will make it your God.

What's more when we get money and fame it becomes easy for us to distract ourselves from the really important things like serving God and helping the needy.

Instead, we tend to indulge ourselves in sexual pleasures or expensive purchases, and even more than usual because it seems like the quick and easy way to get our minds off of our troubles whenever they arise.

Every one of us can see that some of the most rich and famous people in the world are also the most confused workers of iniquity.

We can also tell that these are the people that most of us and our kids may tend to idolize because we think they "got it made" by being so rich and famous. Particularly, entertainers like actors, rappers, singers and sports stars who we always see on T.V.

But in reality they are lost souls covering their troubles with indulgences. It's not wise to want to be like them and we shouldn't condone our kids wanting to be like them either.

I'm not saying its a bad thing to be rich I'm just saying that money should be the furthest thing from our minds if we really call ourselves wanting to be happy.

Matthew 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The point is simply this, if you go out of your way to serve and please God (especially through hard times) He will bless you exceedingly and abundantly above and beyond all that you could ever ask for or even think about.

And this is not limited to just money, but also love, health and success just to name a few.

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