

FUSION Q's... The Meaning of Life Part 2: The Madness of Money

Fusion Discussion...

For many people money represents freedom, happiness, contentment, power, and all the other things that this world has to offer. Yet over and over we hear stories of celebrities, athletes, millionaires, lotto winners, and many others who have had it all say that it was all a lie; in fact, it did just the opposite.

Q. With all the warnings out there, why is it that people still want money so badly? What does it represent to them?

Q. What does money represent to you?

Examine what Jesus thinks about money... Read Matt 6:19-24

The Bible is very clear that people who desire lots of money are headed for destruction. Solomon, Jesus, Paul, and many other writers and people of the Bible all agree.

Q. How is it that a life with lots of money that seems so attractive and promising could be so empty and unfulfilling?

Q. Why does Jesus connect your heart with your treasure?

It is obvious that Jesus sees the desire for money to be in direct contrast to serving God. Your heart must desire God rather than riches (the god of money) for Jesus says that you can only serve one master.

Q. Why does he use money as the other possible master?

Q. Why would Jesus warn us so strongly against desiring wealth?

Q. How do you know if you are serving the god of money or Jesus? What is the evidence?

Q. What steps can you do in your life to make sure that money does not become your god?

Bible Passages for Discussion

Matthew 6:19-24 (p.580)

Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹ "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

²² "Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. ²³ But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.