Money, Who Doesn’t Like It?

Who doesn’t like MONEY? Who doesn’t need it? Although there are psychological and physical things that MONEY can’t buy, but MONEY is still needed. Without MONEY, we can do nothing. Without MONEY, we will be starving to death. Without MONEY, the mission of the church will not be completed. So, whether you say you don’t like MONEY, or you don’t need MONEY, yet MONEY is significantly important in life and for life.

Can MONEY buy salvation? The answer is absolutely no.

Quotes About Money

“Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much.” Erich Fromm

“If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free. If our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed.” Edmund Burke

“He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses much more; He who loses faith, loses all.” Eleanor Roosevelt

“When I had money everyone called me brother.” Polish proverb

“Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of filling a vacuum, it makes one.” Benjamin Franklin

Holy Convocation
Revival and Reformation

This one-week Stewardship Ministries program has an emphasis on Nurture and Retention. It is aimed at helping pastors, teaching them how to nurture and keep members in the church. Trainings are done in the mornings, followed by...

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Wednesday, March 22, 2017
World Stewardship Leaders
Strategic Planning Meeting

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Jesus and the Bible both say a lot about money. Several common Bible verses that talk about money include, “For the love of money is the root of all evil” and “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (I Timothy 6:10, Matthew 6:21) It has been said that Jesus spoke about money more than almost any single topic in the Bible. The word “money” is mentioned around 130 times in the Bible. (KJV).

www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics/money

It is worth noting that money is such an important topic in the Bible, that it is the main subject of nearly half of the parables Jesus told. In addition, one in every seven verses in the New Testament deals with this topic. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith, and more than 2,000 verses on money.

In fact, 15 percent of everything Jesus ever taught was on the topic of money and possessions—more than His teachings on heaven and hell combined.

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Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:19-21, KJV.

E. G. White on Money

“From a worldly point of view, money is power; but from the Christian standpoint, love is power. Intellectual and spiritual strength are involved in this principle. Pure love has special efficacy to do good, and can do nothing but good. It prevents discord and misery and brings the truest happiness. Wealth is often an influence to corrupt and destroy; force is strong to do hurt; but truth and goodness are the properties of pure love.” Ellen G. White, Adventist Home, p. 195.

“Money is not ours; houses and grounds, pictures and furniture, garments and luxuries, do not belong to us. We are pilgrims, we are strangers. We have only a grant of those things that are necessary for health and life.... Our temporal blessings are given us in trust, to prove whether we can be entrusted with eternal riches. If we endure the proving of God, then we shall receive that purchased possession which is to be our own—glory, honor, and immortality.” Ellen G. White, Adventist Home, p. 367.
Division Stewardship News
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visitations in the afternoons and
revival and reformation preachings in
the evenings.

Visitation is an essential part of
this program. There is a specific
way to visit church members and
also a specific agenda with 7 points:
communion, [3] Sabbath keeping,
relationships (love, forgiveness,
and percentage-based offerings.

The high point of the program
comes at the end of the week
when a commitment call is made
to pastors, using the Promise
commitment card, which also
has the same 7 points of the
visitation’s agenda. The pastors
in turn replicate this commitment
ceremony in the churches where
they are ministering during the
week.

William Bagambe, East Central
Africa Division Stewardship Director
challenging members
to put God First during the
Stewardship Thrust 2017.

Praying for 150+ pastors
from Colombia and Inter-American
Division who committed themselves
to the Lord during the
Holy Convocation.

Roberto Herrera, Inter-American
Division Stewardship Director,
speaks about “Stewardship and the
Church Member” during the
Holy Convocation.

Fontibon Seventh-day
Adventist Church in Bogotá,
Colombia where Pastor Bomfim
preached during the Holy
Convocation.

District Stewardship Teams in Salvador,
Brazil, a strategic stewardship tool in
the South American Division.

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Salvation can only be obtained through Jesus Christ. In 2016, he used his MONEY to sponsor public evangelistic meetings in Indonesia and other Asian countries. His motto is, ‘No Day Passes by without Evangelistic Meetings.’ Three hundred sixty-three (363) out of three hundred sixty five (365) days in a year, ninety four (94) public evangelistic meetings were conducted, and 1,415 souls were baptized as the result. So obviously salvation for that many people could be gained through MONEY.

Can MONEY buy happiness? The answer is absolutely no. But interestingly Johnny Ratu said that spending his MONEY for sponsoring evangelistic meetings brings happiness and satisfaction to his heart. So obviously, MONEY cannot buy happiness but could bring happiness if used for the mission of the church and for the salvation of many people. Ellen G. White supported this thought in her writing, “Now every member of the human family is given wholly into the hands of Christ, and whatever we possess—whether it is the gift of money, of houses, of lands, of reasoning powers, of physical strength, of intellectual talents—in this present life, and the blessings of the future life, are placed in our possession as God’s treasures to be faithfully expended for the benefit of man. Every gift is stamped with the cross and bears the image and superscription of Jesus Christ.” Ellen G. White, Faith and Work, p. 22.

The bottom line is, we need MONEY to accomplish Jesus’ great commission in Matthew 28:19, 20, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you…”