

Money Speaks to All Things!

KJV Ecclesiastes 10:19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things.

This verse is called a “*synonymous parallelism*”!

It’s a literary technique that involves the repetition of one idea in successive lines using different words.

The **subject** in each case are synonymous: **Feasts, wine and money** and the parallels are **laughter, merry and all things!**

Looking at the three one might not immediately see the relationship!

Answereth means “**replies and responds to**”, in order to respond one must hear and recognize—so **money hears and money responds!**

A feast will respond by providing laughter and wine will respond by making merry, but money responds to every situation.

The revelation comes when we look at the results of each one:

- **Feasting** makes people laugh, makes people happy and causes good times!
- **Wine** also makes people laugh, makes people happy and causes good times!
- **Money** is synonymous with **feasting and drinking wine** (responds the same and has the same affect) bring joy, happiness and celebration!

Money has the same affect as feasting and drinking wine, it makes people happy, yet feasting ends quickly and wine runs out, but money responds to everything so respect it and maintain it!

Having money releases all the happy chemicals in the brain!

Oxytocin is the ‘bonding’ chemical. It makes us feel loved, wanted and needed we feel like we matter, and we belong.

Endorphin is our bodies pain relief it helps us deal with pain.

Dopamine controls emotions, behavior and cognition it communicates to the front part of our brains that’s associated with pleasure and reward.

Serotonin produces feelings of safety and self-respect, helps with sleep and fights depression.

Solomon says **money** has the power to respond to every situation, helping our brain to function at its highest and best!

KJV Ecclesiastes 7:12 For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence:

Since **money** gives us the ability to respond to most every situation, money is a **defense or protection** something we don't just spend on parties and drinking.

Those who lack money also lack protection, from bad health, bad thoughts, bad behavior and bad people.

Those who lack money feel insecure, detached, disrespected and forgotten!

➤ **Money is a defense!**

Don't eat your answer by feasting too much and **don't drink your answer** away by partying too much!

You'll only be happy and feel good for a short while!

When trouble comes you won't have an answer for it because you have no money!

ESV Proverbs 6:10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, 11 and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

Here again is a *synonymous parallelism* **sleep, nap and relaxation** are synonymous and the parallels are **poverty, thief and a robber**.

What tends to happen after a feast (**eat allot**), people get sleepy! What tends to happen after drinking too much? People get drunk lose their ability to reason and pass out (**fall asleep**).

When we make money our friend, we don't give it away to just anybody!

When money is our friend, we use it to **answer** life's questions and problems for ourselves and others!

When we waste money, we lose the ability to respond to life's challenges and reduce our ability to help others!

Sometimes people don't need prayer, they need money or what money does!

NIV James 2:15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

We lose the ability to respond to opportunities that come our way, because we can't afford a plane ticket, or we don't have the money to get something repaired.

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Life is asking questions all the time; will you have the ability to answer!

The world is changing quickly, will you be able to respond or will you be left behind having a good time ignoring your future.

*ESV Proverbs 30:24 Four things on earth are small, but they are exceedingly wise:
25 Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;
26 the rock badgers are a people not mighty, yet they make their homes in the cliffs;
27 the locusts have no king, yet all of them march in rank;
28 the lizard you can take in your hands, yet it is in kings' palaces.*

Solomon watched these creatures and learned of their **wisdom** each one totally different than the other—yet used their unique strength to their advantage.

- Ants have an answer for winter, it was working hard in the summer!
- Rock badgers can't build homes, so they live rocks already prepared!
- Locusts have no leader, but they unify, and become unstoppable!
- Lizards can be caught with one hand, yet they are clever enough to find ways into places most people can't—kings palaces.

Each one has disadvantages, yet they focus on their strengths and use them to **respond to life's challenges and strive!**

We must learn to use our money to respond to all life's challenges, and not just what makes us feel good!