

The Simple Reason We Need Money Part 1!

KJV Ecclesiastes 7:12 For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

Defense here means “*shadow, covering, & shelter*” all provide **protection**.

Money provides **protection** the same as wisdom yet the advantage of wisdom (skill) is, it preserves the lives of people who have it.

Money provides protection from undesired **worldly** outcomes but cannot protect us from Kingdom outcomes, wisdom does that!

Being without **money** greatly reduces our ability to respond to challenges on earth!

Money is a medium of exchange; the amount exchanged is based on the value of the item or service being rendered.

In most cases the amount of money a person gets paid is based on their worth or the value they bring to the organization.

Money is a defense; it provides protection because when you have money you can buy what you need and pay for what you don't know.

I don't have to know how to repair my computer when I have money, I just pay the person who knows.

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

This verse contains what is known as a **synonymous parallelism**!

A term describing a couplet in which the second line repeats the idea or content of the first line, but in different terms, using different images.

As a feast & wine makes one merry so too does money!

A **Feast** is more than a get together, it's a **party** planned with great detail having the best of food, drink and entertainment one can afford.

The **wine** at the feast is also specifically chosen along with the amount.

In **John chp 2** there was a wedding in **Cana** Jesus mother was there along with Jesus and His disciples.

They ran out of wine and Jesus' mother came to Him and said, "*they're out of wine*"!

Jesus replies, "*what has this got to do with me? This is someone else's responsibility to make sure there was enough wine!*"

No doubt she knew Jesus could change the situation!

Mary tells the **servants** whatever He says to you do it!

Jesus tells the **servants** to fill water pots full of water then draw out and give some to the **governor** of the feast.

The **governor** of the feast goes to **the bridegroom** and praises him for saving the **best wine** for the end of the feast.

The wine made everyone happy, from the guests, the servants, the governor, the bride groom as well as Mary The mother of Jesus!

Money makes people happy and rejoice just like wine!

In **Malachi chp 3** we are told not to **rob God!**

Robbery is taking by force! It's not giving the proper medium of exchange for an item or service provided!

Not giving God the tithe (ten percent of our income) is robbing God!

It's expecting God to provide covenant blessing without giving Him the **glory and the honor due His Name!**

God says, "*a curse is on you because the whole nation is cheating me!*"

Curses are the opposite of **blessings**, curses **stop** blessings from manifesting reversing the cycle and starts bad things happening.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of

hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

*11 I will **rebuke the devourer** for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts.*

God protects and defends his people from the devourer when we honor Him with the tithe!

The tithe is about HONOR and protection, not the curse!

It's like buying a house and thinking **only** about the payments and not the **protection and joy** you'll have inside with your family!

The devourer is anything that consumes the blessings God gives!

Our **tithe** is a **defense**, it protects us from anything that seeks to **consume** our blessings.

It's protection money! Yea protection money just like businesses and people pay insurance companies to protect them from unseen unexpected, and **undesired outcomes**.

Money is a **defense**; without it we lose a big part of our protection!

The more blessed you are, the more you have to defend, Job understood.

Job feared God, walked in integrity, and stayed away from evil!

He had 7 and 3 daughters, 7000 sheep, 3000, camels, 1000, oxen, 500 donkeys and many servants.

Job would wake up early in the morning and gave God burnt offerings for each of his children in case they sinned against God.

Job had 7 sons each would take turns throwing a party, some suggest they partied on each one's birthday, it could have been everyday of the week since Job had 7 sons. (Job 1:4).

Job had to be wealthy, number one his integrity caused his wealth, number two he used his **money to defend his children**.

He gave God burnt offerings constantly to keep his children blessed!

***Job 1:5** And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.*

Job gave **burnt offerings** to God, one cow per child (10 cattle) after each party! The **burnt offering** was the **only** offering totally consumed on the altar by fire, none was eaten by the priests, it all went to God!

The **burnt offering** is given to make peace with God!

We know we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord, yet we personally honor God when we bring offerings to Him!

Moses said to God, since I have already found favor with you (God chose Moses not for anything Moses did) show me your ways so I can find more favor in your sight.

We already have peace with God because of Christ, simply knowing how to honor God with our money gives us more favor with God!

***Psalm 96:8** Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.*

We know the first set of Job's children were murdered, but they were protected from hell and went to glory.

God blessed Job with **twice** as much as he had before, *all his brothers and sisters and everyone who had previously known him came to him. They ate with him at his house, sympathized with him, and comforted him for all the evil the LORD had brought to him. Each one gave him some money and a gold ring.* (Job 42:10-11)

***Job 42:16** Job lived 140 years after this. He saw his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

17 And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

Full of days means Job died **completely satisfied**, there was nothing else job wanted and needed in life, God had supplied all his need according to His riches in glory!

Money is a defense we must learn to use it to **advance & protect** The Kingdom of God on earth, the people of God on earth, our family and loved ones by giving offerings to The LORD for His mercy and grace over their lives.

Job not only sowed what God required from him, but he gave offerings for those he loved so God would watch over them and protect them and Job's life was blessed because of it!

The Simple Reason We Need Money is to **defend** ourselves and those we love from undesirable circumstances.

Because **the poor** are taken advantage of by **the wicked** (Psa 82:4)

Proverbs 10:15 *The rich person's wealth is his strong city (protection). Poverty (leaves the poor unprotected and they are ruined) ruins the poor.*

Before Dr. King was murdered, he began a **War on Poverty!**

America has had a War on Drugs, a War on Crime, a War on Drunk Driving and a War on Guns all of which drew national attention, yet the War of Poverty remains unmanned and out gunned!