

INTRODUCTION

Money can be a blessing but also a curse! Some are favored with success, but the Bible is saturated with warnings regarding the money trap. With wealth comes many temptations only known to those who have attained success. Do you have the character needed to stand this test? Let's dive deeper into the mystery of mammon.

READ THE STORY

1 KINGS 10

STUDY THE WORD

1. What challenges did Elijah face when he received wealth and wisdom? How does this explain why God may bless some with more than others? Could the withholding of some blessings, be a blessing in itself?

1 Ki 10:1 1 Ki 11:1-2 1 Ki 4:34 1 Cor 12:7-11 Job 1:21

2. Where does wealth come from, and what is its purpose when it is given? Share a personal experience of giving to others.

Deut 8:18 Hag 2:8 1 Chr 29:14 1 Pet 4:10-11 2 Cor 9:11
Prov 3:9-10 1 Tim 6:17-18

3. What did Solomon reveal in his life that showed he was ready for the blessings of God, as well as the challenges? What can we do to make room for God's blessings in our life?

1 Ki 3:9-13 1 Tim 6:10 Matt 6:33 1 Ki 2:3 Ps 1:2-3

4. What does it mean for Solomon to be famous for "the name of the Lord"? How did Jesus' disciples experience this fame for the Lord's name, and how can we?

1 Ki 10:1 Gen 4:26 Gen 12:8 Gen. 13:4 Deut 28:8-10
1 Ki 5:5 1 Ki 8:20 Acts 4:13 Rom 9:17

5. Take a look at some of the strange things that Jesus said about wealth. What do these parables and stories teach us about wealth and the true gold men should seek?

Lk 12:27-31 Lk 21:1-4 Matt 19:21-24 Lk 16:13 Phil 4:11-13

LIFE APPLICATION

Identity: How does a biblical view of wealth allow us to find happiness and contentment whether we have much or little?

Purpose: Jesus gave us a higher purpose than to just seeking money. Describe your real God-given purpose in life?

Relationship: How would you like your relationship with money to change? What do you envision this change doing to your relationship with God and others?
