

WHAT MONEY CANNOT BUY.  
Prov. 22-1

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,  
and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

Money is limited in its capacities.

1. It commands considerable material advantages.
2. It enables its possessor to enlarge his mind.
3. It enables its possessor to extend his social circle.
4. It enables its possessor to multiply his usefulness.
5. However, it only does this as an instrument.
6. It does not insure any of these things.
7. It does not even dispose people to these things.
8. It secures joy, comforts and means of advancements.
9. It does not confer happiness.
10. It does not supply knowledge or wisdom.
11. It does not possess estimable moral quality.
12. It does not guarantee the favor of God.
13. It involves heavy burdens and great anxieties.
14. It entails most serious responsibilities.
15. It tempts to a degraded self-indulgence.

Many things are far more valuable than money. More than that, they are things which money can not buy. Therefore, these more valuable things should be sought much more earnestly. Among the things, which are so valuable, that money can not buy are the following:-----

I. A Good Name

One of the best things in the world for a person to have is a good name. It is better than great riches, better than position, better than influence, better than friends. A person who has a good name can always get plenty of good friends, but a bad name robs us of friends, position, influence, and brings disgrace not only upon ourselves but upon those who are near and dear to us. A good name:--

1. Is built on or springs from a sound character
2. Is earned by good living  
Those who are kind, upright, honest, trustworthy, and unselfish are the worthy possessors of a good name.
3. Is the fruit of looking out for the welfare of others.
4. Is the result of personal character.  
Money may come by inheritance but a good name comes only as the result of personal character.
5. Implies the possession of:--  
Uprightness, purity, truthfulness, kindness, reverence, piety and the favor of God.
6. Is a source of true and pure satisfaction
  - (1) It satisfies ones self-respect
  - (2) It satisfies ones affections.One has a true greatness of heart when he has a good name and the favor of God resting upon him.
7. Never dies  
Did you ever stop to think how many people there are who live for many years and almost the very week they die they are forgotten? They are forgotten because they did not do anything worth mentioning while they lived, and now that they are dead there is nothing to remember them by. They lived to themselves, by themselves, and for themselves. They never thought about God, nor anybody else. They never prayed to God. They never  
They never tried to help the right and they never tried to stop the wrong. Is it any wonder then, that their names are forgotten?

But the names of those whose lives are fragrant with little deeds of kindness, and little acts of love, and illuminated with truth, strengthened by courage and built upon the solid rock foundation of a good character can never be forgotten. The names of good men never die. Money is a transitory possession but a good name goes with a man to his grave, and embalms his memory long after he has passed away.

## II. A Happy Home

Everybody wants to be happy. God wants everybody to be happy. Yet there are multitudes who are not happy. Happiness is to be found in living within the circle of God's will and rendering true services for Him and our fellow men.

## III. A Thankful Heart

1. For what God is  
he is a God of love, holiness, and justice
2. For what God has given us  
His Son, the Word, and His spirit
3. For the way God guides  
In individual, domestic, social and spiritual life.

## IV. A Contented Mind

If one is to have a contented mind he must have Christ as his Saviour, and have made his peace with God.

## V. The Hope of Salvation

## VI. A Christian's Crown

As Christians we should have an aspiration to be:---

1. Sweetened by His love
2. Calmed by His peace
3. Gladened by His joy
4. Beautified by His grace
5. Molded by His meekness
6. Marked by His tenderness and forbearance.