

WHAT MONEY CANNOT BUY

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." Proverbs 22:1.

1. Money enables its possessor to enlarge his mind.
2. Money enables its possessor to extend his social circle.
3. Money enables its possessor to enjoy many advantages.
4. Money enables its possessor to multiply his usefulness.

As valuable and useful as money is, there are many things which are far more valuable. And besides, they are the things which money cannot buy. Among them are the following:

I. A Good Name.

This is one of the best things we can have in this life. It is better than riches, better than position, better than influence, and better than friends. One who has a good name can always get plenty of friends, but a bad name robs us of friends, position, and of influence.

1. A good name grows out of a good character.
2. A good name is earned by good living.
Those who are kind, upright, honest, trustworthy, and unselfish are the worthy possessors of a good name.

3. A good name is the result of looking out for the welfare of others.
4. A good name is a source of real satisfaction.
5. A good name never dies.

Did you ever stop to think how many people there are who live for many years and almost as soon as they die they are forgotten? They are forgotten because they did not do anything worth mentioning while they lived, and now that they are gone there is nothing to remember them by. They lived to themselves, by themselves, and for themselves. Apparently they never thought about God or anyone else. They never prayed to God. They never tried to help the right nor to hinder 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 built upon the solid 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 one to his grave, and embalms his memory ever after.

II. 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.

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.
He has given us His Son, His Spirit, and the Word.

3. For the way God guides.

He guides in personal, spiritual, domestic, and church life.

IV. A Happy Home.

Everybody wants to be happy. God wants everybody to be happy, yet there are multitudes who are unhappy. Happiness is to be found in living within the circle of God's will and rendering true service for Him and for our fellowmen.

V. The Assurance 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.