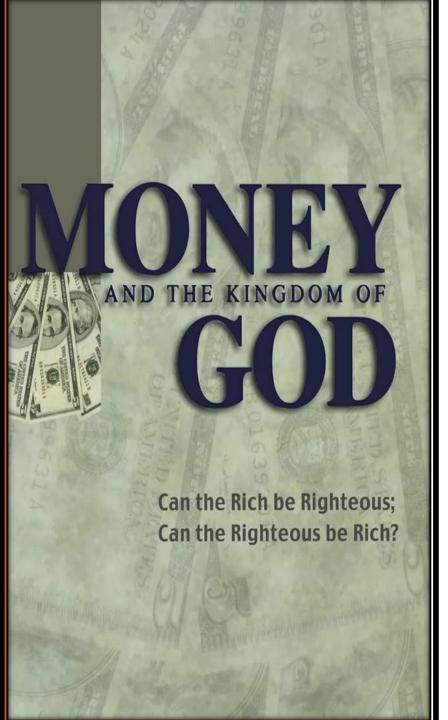


Insight, Instructions, Increase, and Inspiration



Connection Between Salvation and Substance

Mark 10:17-21 (NIV)

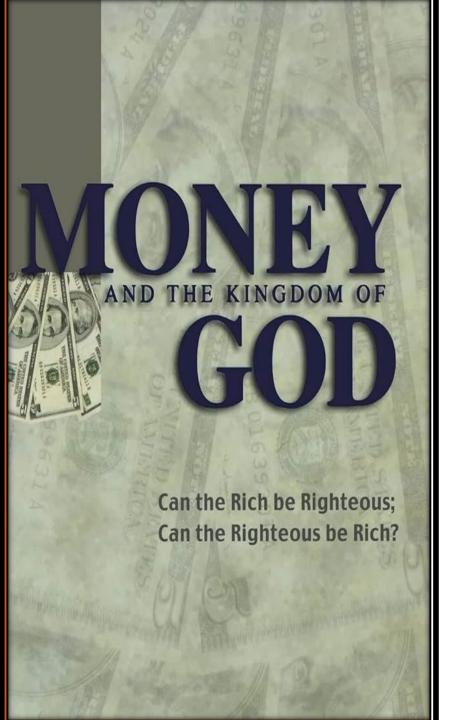
17 A man ran up to Jesus and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said.
"Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

- 1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.
- 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE TODAY."

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today SALVATION has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to SAVE WHAT WAS LOST."



Is There A Connection Between Salvation and Substance?

Notice There Are Two Wealthy Men and Salvation Is Mentioned

- 1) What Must I Do To Have Salvation/Eternal life?
 - 2) Today, Salvation has come to your house....

In Mark 10, the Rich Young Ruler had kept all the rules and regulations, but was unwilling to give up his riches...

He would not sin, but he would not give up his substance... God examines his HEART, and saw

WHAT WAS KEEPING HIM FROM SALVATION...
It was not his manners or morals... It was his money

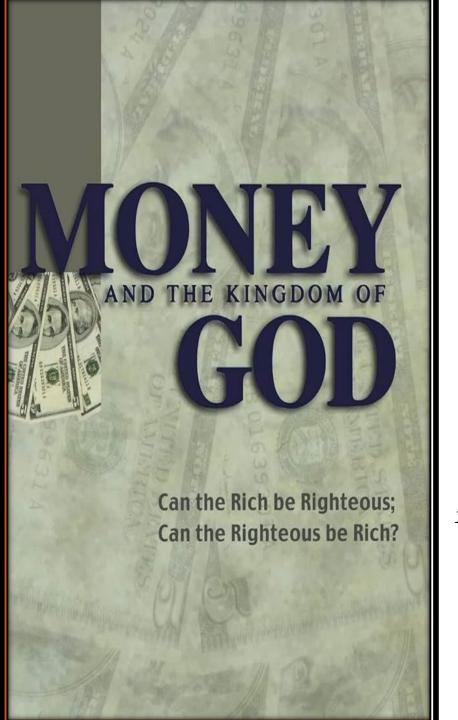
He has able to locate His Heart...by revealing what he treasured!

ON THE OTHER HAND

Zacchaeus received Jesus' invitation and his heart was revealed By How He Viewed His treasure....

> He was willing to give what he had accumulated Because His Heart Was Changed

ONE NEEDED INSTRUCTIONS, ONE NEEDED AN INVITATION



Is There A Connection Between Salvation and Substance?

The Rich Young Ruler was an expert at Keeping the Law...

So If There Was A Law of Tithing... He Would Be Good...

When You Truly Love God... You Will Give To God Whatever He Commands...

Genesis 22:2 (NLT)

2 "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering...

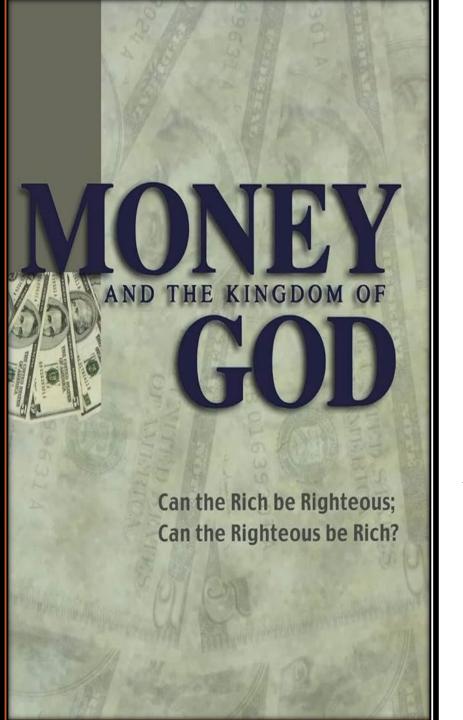
Luke 18:10-12 (NLT)

10 "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I don't commit adultery. I'm certainly not like that tax collector!

12 I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

YOUR LOVE FOR GOD IS NOT CONNECTED TO KEEPING THE LAW



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God Places Us In Situations For Revelation....

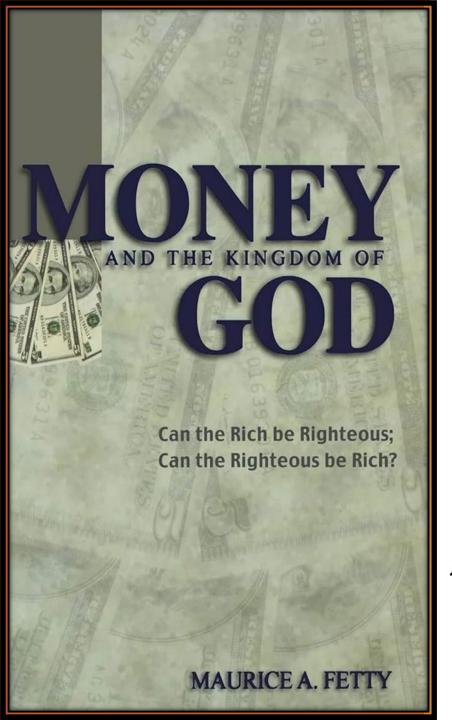
The Instructions Revealed ~ Money was his god:
He trusted it, worshiped it, and got his fulfillment from it.
His morality and good manners only concealed a Covetous Heart.

Zacchaeus Had An Occupation That Caused Him To Use Manipulation

When He Came Into A True Encounter With Jesus
It Changed His Attitude and Actions About Money!!!
Also, Matthew The Tax Collector was saved to influence other collectors...

These Two Passages Reveal

It Is Not Wrong To Possess Money Don't Allow The Money To Possess You



Day Sixteen Meditation

Deuteronomy 4:29 (ESV)

29 But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Proverbs 22:9 (NLT)

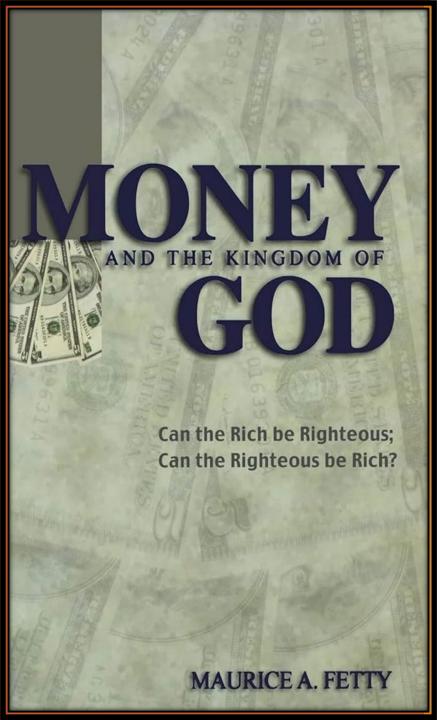
9 Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.

Ephesians 4:28 (NLT)

28 If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.

2 Corinthians 8:12 (NIV)

12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.



Day Sixteen Meditation

1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith

1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NIV)

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

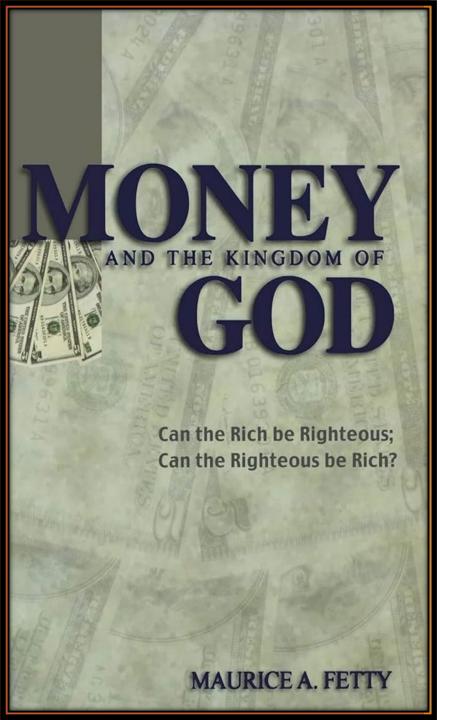
Acts 20:35 (NIV)

35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:

'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Matthew 7:22-23 (NLT)

22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'



Day Sixteen Prayer

God, I Thank You For What I Have To Give God, I Thank You For Supplying All My Needs God, I Thank You For Giving Me The Heart To Give God, I Thank You For Instructing Me On How To Give...

God, Create In Me A Clean Heart God, Search My Heart God, I Ask You To Remove The Heart Of Stone God, I Am Willing To Trust You With My Whole Heart God, I Know My Heart Is Wicked and Deceitful So, God Fill My Heart With Your Word God, Guard My Heart From Evil Choices God, I Want To Please You So You Can Give Me The Desires Of My Heart In Jesus Name....

Amen