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THE POWER TO GET WEALTH

There is much discussion throughout the body of Christ about money. Some have gone into ministry to “pad their pockets” so to speak, while others have hearts to serve, and money isn’t the reason for ministering.

Is there a balance? What does God have to say about wealth? Let’s look at Deuteronomy 8. Moses was instructed by God to speak to the people. He wanted them to remember who it was that was giving them the land that they would one day occupy. Deuteronomy 8 reminds them in verse 2, ***“And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove [test] thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.”***

Israel often rebelled against what God’s plan for them was. They went after false gods and served them instead of Jehovah. They had prophet after prophet come and warn them of their sin and the consequences of it.

Deuteronomy 8 is a remembrance of what God had done for them, and how if it wasn’t for God they would be destroyed. In verse 18 God speaks about wealth. It says, ***“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may ESTABLISH HIS COVENANT WHICH HE SWARE UNTO THY FATHERS, AS IT IS THIS DAY.”*** Then in verse 9 he tells them if they forget the LORD they would perish.

God brings wealth to us for the purpose of establishing his covenant. It is not for us to use it to consume it upon our lusts. Yes, he wants us to have things, but not to have things “have us.”

It takes money to minister. Even a small ministry like ours requires support, but that support is to get the Word of God into lives so they can receive Jesus as their savior. It is not to build OUR kingdom. It is to build God’s kingdom.

Sadly, in the American church there are some statistics that are shameful.

- Only 5-10% of Christians tithe at least 10% of their annual income regularly.
- 5% of practicing Christians do not give at all

So, is God against wealth? No, He isn’t if we use it to build His kingdom. It is when wealth has us and we forget God that it becomes sinful. Some say if they had a million dollars they would give to God’s work, but God will not bring that to anyone if they don’t give a portion of the “little” they do have for building His kingdom. If God blesses you financially, don’t forget to “help establish His kingdom”.