

Your Money or Your Life? (Mark 10:23& 25; Ecclesiastes 5:15)

Introduction: *The old Jack Benny Comedy routine: “Your money or your life?”*

I. JESUS WAS ASKING WILL IT BE *YOUR \$\$\$ OR YOUR LIFE*

- A. He spoke about camels & eyes of needles (Mark 10:23&25)
- B. St. Paul spoke about the love of money as the root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:10)
- C. Money is the #1 topic spoken about in the Bible (Can you believe it?)

II. KING SOLOMON ASKED WILL IT BE *YOUR \$\$\$ OR YOUR LIFE*

- A. Solomon “had it all” but at life’s end found it to be *meaningless*
- B. Ecclesiastes 5:15 - *“Funeral hearses don’t pull U-Haul trailers!”*
- C. These words of warning are not just for rich people...

III. BUT THE BIBLE ALSO HAS GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT MONEY

- A. Ecclesiastes 5: It is a gift of God
- B. Jeremiah 9: We can use it to God’s glory

- C. Matthew 6: Though our true treasure is in heaven, God will care for our needs now
- D. 2 Corinthians 8:9 – Through Jesus’ *poverty*, we have become *rich*
- E. The question is no longer *your money or your life?*, but: how may I use my life & all God has given me to praise Him & tell Him I love Him?

Conclusion: *The legend of Zaccheus: A life of thankfulness*

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