

In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be blessed. Today, by His grace, we have another opportunity to learn from His Word as the day draws closer.

Many servants of God have faced challenges where people ask why the God they serve doesn't make them wealthy, especially considering that He is a rich God. Yet, when these very individuals are asked, "Are you a Christian?" they will say yes. If you ask them, "Do you believe in the Bible you read?" they will confirm, "Yes, I believe it." If you inquire further, "Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ?" they will affirm, "Yes." And if you ask, "What about His apostles? Do you believe in them?" they will answer, "Yes, I believe that they were called servants of God to bring us the Christian faith."

However, if you explain to them that the very apostles they believe in once had nothing in their pockets, but God still used them without any problem, they will call you a liar.

In Acts 3:1-6, the Bible recounts the story of Peter and John healing a lame man:

Acts 3:1 - "Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

Acts 3:2 - And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of those who entered the temple;

Acts 3:3 - who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

Acts 3:4 - And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, 'Look at us.'

Acts 3:5 - So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

Acts 3:6 - Then Peter said, 'Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.'"

Imagine this scene for a moment. Beggars do not require large amounts of money, like the average person might request. A beggar is satisfied with small change — a coin or two, maybe 100, 200, or 500 shillings. They feel blessed and grateful. Yet, Peter and John, despite not having money, did not consider themselves less than the apostles called by God. Instead, they shared with the man what they had: the name of Jesus Christ, which they valued far more than any money in the world.

True Servants of God

A true servant of God possesses something far more valuable than money: the message of eternal life. The Gospel has the power to grant eternal life, something that money cannot do. No amount of money can add one day to a person's life. This is why we confidently proclaim that we may not have silver or gold, but we possess the Word of God that can save souls.

If a servant of God depends on money as proof of their calling, instead of relying on the Word of God, then I must tell you, they have lost their way. It is possible that they may not possess what you hope to see in them, but these are the anointed ones who bring you the good news of salvation and healing for your soul. Do not despise them.

Consider the lame man, who had been unable to walk since birth. If he had despised the apostles and insisted on receiving money, he would have remained in his condition, even if he received the wealth of the entire world. No amount of money could have healed him.

The Danger of Loving Money

The Bible warns us that in the last days, people will be lovers of money (2 Timothy 3:2):

2 Timothy 3:2 - "For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy..."

For such people, money becomes the standard by which everything is measured, even spiritual matters. If a pastor does not own a car, for example, people may not want to listen to the Word of God from them, regardless of how deeply the pastor teaches the truth. If a preacher stands on the street with a bicycle and a speaker, even though God's presence is there to save souls and miracles are happening, people will look the other way and walk away. However, if they see a false prophet surrounded by bodyguards, selling anointed water bottles, and preaching about prosperity without addressing sin in people's lives, they will eagerly listen and even purchase the products being sold.

I am not saying that servants of God should be poor, but it's essential to understand that the things of God's Kingdom cannot be measured by money or wealth. When we grasp this truth, we will be able to assess where we should stay and where we should not, for the safety of our souls. These are dangerous times, and Satan is using beauty, glamour, and success to deceive people. Yet within this, there lies a pit of hell.

May God help us all.

Conclusion

May you be greatly blessed. Stay firm in the faith and remember that God's Kingdom is not built on riches, but on the Word of God that gives life. Let us not be deceived by outward appearances or material wealth, but instead, treasure the eternal riches that come from knowing and following Christ.

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