

A Prayer about Materialism

Scripture Reading:

I Chronicles 16, Matthew 6:19-34

Reflections of the Heart:

“A materialistic culture implies that superficial things are fulfilling and bring happiness. We may experience happiness for a short period, but it will not fulfill our deepest needs. Our needs can be met in only one way and that is through a relationship with Christ. He is the constant in a world filled with so many lies and inconsistencies.”

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Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for being our source and supply. Thank You for meeting all of our needs from Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Thank You for being our Shepherd so we will not want for anything. We will exalt You and praise Your Name forever and ever. Lord, You are great and most worthy of praise! No one can measure Your greatness. You always keep Your promises, and You are gracious in all that You do. Father, You help the fallen and lift up those who are bent beneath their loads. We look to You in hope, and You give us our food as we need it. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and the thirst of every living thing.

Faithful Father, we confess that we will store our treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust can destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. We agree with Your Word that our lives are not measured by how much we own; therefore, we will beware of and resist covetousness. Father, we cannot serve two masters, so by faith, we will not worry about everyday life. We know that life is more than food and our bodies are more than clothing. Therefore, we will seek Your Kingdom above all else and live righteously, knowing that You will give us everything we need. Lord, we confess that we will not trust in uncertain riches, but we will trust in You, the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. We will use our money to do good and be generous to those in need, ready to share with others. By doing so, we will store up our treasures as a good foundation for the future so that we experience true life.

Holy Spirit, show me where materialism is in my life.

Holy Spirit, please help us to be Godly and wise consumers. Please break the bondage of conspicuous consumption within our nation. Help us to be better stewards of the resources with which we are blessed. Rewrite our thinking as it pertains to saving, investing and spending. Help us to be more disciplined with our lifestyles. Enlighten our hearts to Your wisdom and self-control so that we can begin to build wealth for the next generation. Teach us how to be content with what we have instead of always wanting more. Give guidance and favor to those who are in financial trouble.

Merciful Father, forgive us for all acts of sinfulness including, greed, selfish ambition, idolatry, conceit and arrogance. Forgive us for loving things and placing them over You and for not being good stewards of Your blessings. We repent for bowing to the gods of materialism. Holy Spirit, remind us of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them to you say, “I forgive name of person(s).” Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help us not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, the Almighty; the One who is and who always was. You have assumed Your great power and have begun to reign. Lord God Almighty, Your works are great and marvelous. Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations. Who will not fear You, Lord, and glorify Your Name? You alone are holy. All the nations will come and worship before You; for Your righteous deeds have been revealed. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 145:1-3,13-16, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 23:1, Matthew 6:19-20, Luke 12:15, Matthew 6:24-25,33, I Timothy 6:14-19, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 11:17, Revelation 15:3-4

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