

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

“God loves me so much that He wants the best for me, therefore I should have the best of everything.” Don't we feel like that sometimes?

We also think, *“Of course God wants me to have that new house, I can't afford it, but He can.”*

Or how about, *“I will spend on this because I know that God will supply all my needs, even if I do overspend.”*

We may not come right out and say these things, but don't we live them?

I do believe that God wants the best for us as His children. But the question is, what is best for us in God's eyes, not ours? What do I mean? You may think that a sporty little new car is best for you, but God may know that a bigger car that will hold your family and cost less to upkeep and less car payments is better for you.

You may think that this job is a great job because it pays big bucks, but God may know that another job is better because you will not waste your money, especially if you don't have it to waste. Or you are not working into the wee hours of the night, ignoring your family all the time, so you can provide extra for your family.

Is that what the Lord has really called you to do, or has He called you to work 40 hours like everyone else, so that you are not neglecting your family?

Another one is something we all think about and that's if we won the Lotto. We think we could do great things for the Lord if we did. But God knows that if you did win the Lotto that you would soon forget about Him, and stop depending upon Him as your provider and eventually end up in a sinful lifestyle.

But you may have the mindset of *“I could do great things for the kingdom of God if I won the Lotto and had all this money”* which is actually trying to build God's kingdom on earthly things, and you have taken God out of the equation, because you will give glory to your money and what it has done, rather than on what God has done through you.

† **1 Corinthians 3:12-13** *Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

Even a ministry that you want may not be what God wants for you, because He knows that you will become puffed up and prideful if you have that ministry.

† **Job 33:17 (NLT2)** *He makes them turn from doing wrong; he keeps them from pride.*

So yes, God does want what's best for us, and we should ask God to give us what's best for us, according to His will and desire, not our own.

† **Proverbs 30:7-9** *Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die): Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches-- Feed me with the food allotted to me; Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.*