

Job 1:3

Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

While reading in my devotional time this morning, one of the books I was reading was the book of Job. Now we all have read the book of Job or at least heard of Job. But when I say the name Job, what's the first thing you think about? Trials, temptations, losing everything, pain.

Let me throw a couple more names out there from the bible and tell me what you think of first.

- **Abraham:** Had a child when he was over 100 years old and he was going to sacrifice this son to God.
- **King David:** Killed Goliath, had an affair with Bathsheba and had her husband Uriah murdered.
- **Matthew:** A tax collector who was one of Jesus' disciples.

Ok, so let me tell you another thing about these guys that we probably know, but don't associate with them.

They were all rich, they all had the bucks and were well known for having the big bucks, and not only rich but there were also respected... Well, maybe not Matthew the tax collector, but still, he had the bucks.

So, with all this in mind, why do we tend to seek riches or to be well off? Or, if you are single, why are you looking at what a guy (or girl) has financially, or even looking at the outward appearance of his or her body as a sign of if you should be interested in that person or not?

Think about in a marriage, when a trial hits, do you really think that going out and buying something will heal your marriage?

When the rent can't be paid because you both lost your jobs, do you think that working out and having a toned body will make everything better?

Now I am not saying that having money is bad, nor is have a body in good physical shape. But think about it; once the money is gone and his or her body is now sagging from old age, what will you be left with for the rest of your life?

When, or if, I ever get married again, sure I want a beautiful wife, but also she will also be beautiful on the inside because of how she has handled things in the past. When trials came her way, she did not go find comfort in a bottle, or in multiple guys or by going on a spending spree. No, she sought and trusted in the Lord through those tough times. But not only in the tough times, but also when things are going great for her as well, because

some people can tend to put God on the back burner while things are going great... until something bad happens again, then they are seeking God for help, until that trial is over with.

So for us, I think it's a matter of seeking the Lord and wisdom over money and riches.

Proverbs 16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Job, Abraham, King David, Solomon, and Matthew were great men of God, not because of the money they had, but because of the God that they had!