

How Do You Explain Godly Blessings, Financial Or Spiritual Blessings?

I was asked to answer the question above, and below is my response from the scripture.

Financial blessing: What are you seeking, and to what end? Scripture teaches us: ***1Ti 6:10 "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*** Thus, we are warned to not be deceived by the so-called prosperity gospel messages, which proclaim give your money and you will be blessed, or saved, eternally. These messages are for, and they are from, those with itching ears, and those who are lovers of money.

Some will immediately say, well what about living a godly life? Doesn't God bless you naturally if you live the Christian life fully. Of course, God blesses if you live the Christian life, in all spiritual blessings, which may also include financial blessings. However, I point out what Jesus told the rich young man, who asked Jesus; what must I do to inherit eternal life, in: ***Mt 19:23 ¶ "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven."*** This is what Jesus told his disciples, after the rich young ruler went away, because he had great riches of the earth, and he was told to give them to the poor and to follow Jesus, which he refused to do. Herein, we see; the inheritance of eternal life is not based on having financial blessings, but rather; the inheritance of eternal life is the spiritual gift, which we receive from Christ.

All the people on earth receive the natural blessings of God, seen in: ***Mt 5:45 "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."*** However, all the people on earth do not receive spiritual blessings, for many deny that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and the Saviour of mankind.

We resort to the scriptures again: ***Lu 20:21-25; 21 "And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly: 22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? 23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? 24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. 25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's."*** We understand; in the context of this scripture, they were trying to entice Jesus to say something, whereby, they could discredit and destroy him. However, secondarily, we can see; financial blessings are natural blessings. Notice, Jesus instructed them to confine financial things to the inhabitants of the earth. If you are seeking financial blessings, for the wrong reason, you have a real problem.

God blessed you naturally before you were born again. He blessed you to have all that you possess. After you are born-again, does God still bless you? The answer is yes. However, God has not promised to make you rich financially. God promised to supply our needs, seen in: ***Mt 6:30-34; 30 "Wherfore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."*** It is easy to understand; our goal in life should not be financial blessings, but rather, to pursue the kingdom of God, and the righteousness of Christ, and

thereby be blessed spiritually. God knows your every need (natural and spiritual); God knows what is best for your life (natural and spiritual); and he will supply those things you need as he has promised.

Consider, If you have all the financial riches your heart desires, and do not have spiritual life in Christ: what is the end of those financial riches? Are they of any eternal benefit to you? The answer is no, because when you die you will leave those riches here on earth. If you are not born-again in this world; your body will die and molder in the dust. At the return of Christ in the end of time, that body will be resurrected, and united with the soul that is already in hell, and you will spend an eternity in that awful, eternal, lake of fire.

Spiritual blessing: What are you seeking, and to what end? The bible tells us that if we worship God, we must do so in Spirit and in truth, seen in: ***Joh 4:24 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*** Thus, we understand; for a person to worship God, they must have spiritual blessing. I certainly believe; the greatest spiritual blessing you can receive, here on earth, is to be born-again, and to have the expectation of being in the eternal heaven.

God's people are advised to be content with whatsoever God has blessed them with, seen in:

- ***Php 4:11 "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."*** Paul was blessed to learn this lesson. He was blessed to not have the love of money in his life.
- ***1Ti 6:8 "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."*** Food and raiment are those natural blessings we are promised. This teaches us; do not desire to have more than we need.
- ***Heb 13:5 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*** The love of money (financial gains) is rooted in covetousness. If all we can talk about is financial gain; we are demonstrating that we have a covetous heart. If our conversations are about eternal life; we have evidence of spiritual blessing, which is the gift of God to us in Christ.

Do not misunderstand, financial blessings are not bad, in and of themselves, if they are used properly. However, when financial gains keep you from seeking Christ and his righteousness, therein lies the problem. Why? Because now, you have an idol that is between you and God.

God blesses his people with spiritual blessings, and if he sees fit to bless them with financial gain that is a blessing also. God knows, who can rightly manage earthly riches, and who will be overcome by the love of money, as was pointed out earlier in: ***1Ti 6:10 "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*** Thus, we are taught by scripture; examine your motives, and the desires of your heart. Be sure you are following Jesus. Be sure you are not following money, financial, or earthly gains. Why? Don't you see from this text; the love of financial gains will cause you to turn from faith in Jesus Christ, and bring many sorrows in your life. However, If we love God better than financial gains, we can expect to have the joy of the Lord in our lives.

Spiritual blessings are Godly blessings. Spiritual blessings are eternal blessings. Spiritual blessings will direct our focus to our end. (what happens after we die and beyond the grave) Christ Jesus has gone to prepare a place, for all those who have, and seek after, spiritual blessings. Praise the Lord! for the spiritual blessing of eternal life in, and through, our Lord Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! Amen!