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It Doesn't Fix Everything



Money fixes things. At least, it fixes some things. It keeps a roof over your head and puts food on the table. It makes possible things such as education, medical care, and travel. If yours is a generous heart, it allows you to grace other people with blessings and opportunities they would miss otherwise. Contrary to the opinion of some, the Bible isn't negative toward wealth and the things it can do. In the very same context where the apostle Paul gives his famous and oft-quoted warning about the love of money being a root of all kinds of evil, he affirms that it is God "who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

But money does have its limits. While it has the potential for fixing certain things and providing gratification, it won't fix everything. It can also create a special set of problems unique to substantial wealth. Take Jack Whittaker as an example.

Whittaker burst onstage on Christmas Day 2002. He won the biggest ever undivided lottery prize when he hit a record \$314.9 million *Powerball* jackpot. Perhaps you saw him on TV, smiling, big cowboy hat. Already a successful contractor, ready now to donate ten percent of his lump sum payout of \$113 million after taxes to his church and to help other good causes. However, a picture of the same man two years later hardly looks like the one we saw back then. He looks old. Tired. Battered. And there are reasons for the change.

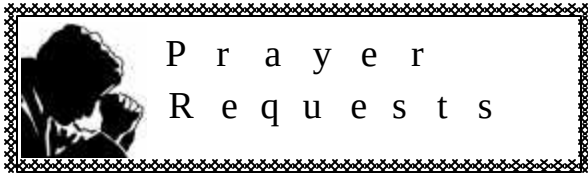
Jack Whittaker has had hundreds of thousands of dollars stolen from his cars, house, and office. He has pleaded not guilty to assaulting and threatening to kill a bar manager. He has been arrested twice on drunk-driving charges and ordered into rehab by a judge. He faces charges of groping women at a racetrack.

Shortly before Christmas, 2003, his 17-year-old granddaughter disappeared. She had been there on the day of his big win. The apple of Whittaker's eye, he was going to make everything possible for her. She said she wanted a car. She wanted to meet her favorite hip-hop star. Life was going to be wonderful! She was found dead - her body wrapped in a tarpaulin outside her boyfriend's house. Press reports say she died of a drug overdose.

No wonder Jack Whittaker looks battered and confused. Who wouldn't be? His story is a tragedy of major proportions as well as a warning about the dark side of quick wealth. May God help him to get his life back together.

Friend, the next time you are tempted to think money would fix everything for you, remember Jack Whittaker and focus again on the things that really matter.

Ron Bainbridge
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For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For **Tim and Jennifer** in the adoption process and the health of baby **Zoe**.

Chris Holbrook (husband to Brandy Gampp's coworker) is suffering with thyroid cancer. There are postoperative complications. Chris has a wife and 2 young children.

Mark Lewis (49 years of age, Christian) dying with Huntington's Disease in Woodland Nursing Center. His mother, Jonnie Fields (Houston, TX) is here to see him through.

Donahoe Family (Dwayne & Lori & daughters) had their home destroyed by fire on Monday night.

Sarah Gilliland is suffering with back pain.

Terry Young (Sarah's Gilliland's daughter) is going through very difficult times.

Brian Holbrook (Nola Kelley's cousin) is facing brain surgery to alleviate extreme headache pain.

Stephanie Maynard (friend of Mary Collins) has been put on bed rest until her delivery date, 9/5.

Bible Study Text

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	
7/31	Acts 17:1-18:22	8/3	Ex 16-18
8/7	Acts 18:23-20:2	8/10	Ex 19-20
8/14	Acts 20:3-38	8/17	Ex 21-22 Lv 24:10-16 Num 18-19
8/21	Acts 21-22	8/24	Ex 24-27, 28-31

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Don Lemon** who passed away Tuesday of this week. The funeral was Friday here at the building.

Men's GYAT Class

Next Sunday morning, 7:30-8:30 am. We are doing Chapters Five (Quality Time) and Six (Receiving Gifts). Read, underline the "good stuff" and be ready to discuss. Are you doing the Tank Check?

Sunday PM Services

Tonight Bud Coriell is in charge of services for us.

Teen Devo

Terry and Debbie's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.



Area Events

Details are posted on the bulletin board.

- 8/6 Ladies Day - Circleville
- 8/7-11 Gospel Meeting - Pine Gap
- 9/2-9/4 Summit - Columbus
- 10/7-9 Rager Rd CofC - Columbus

Yarn Needed



Touching Little Lives is a non-profit organization that provides clothing and other necessities for needy newborns and premature infants in Ohio. They recently contacted us to request hand-crocheted afghans. There are women

in our church willing and able to make these afghans if some of us can donate the baby yarn. It takes approximately 2 & 1/2 to 4 skeins, depending on the thickness of the yarn. Contact Mary Collins or Sharon Rogers for more information.

Three Minute Rule

Do you remember what the 3 Minute Rule is? We have had many new faces in our crowd lately at all of our services. Please make it a point to observe the 3 Minute Rule.



Help Wanted

Someone to look after the baptismal garments. This involves keeping them in order, washed up and ready for a baptism at any time. The person who does this job needs to be regular in attendance at our Bible classes and worship services. Anyone interested, see Steve Miller.

Living Expectantly

Have you ever heard the tale of old Shep? Near where our daughter and family live in Montana, overlooking the Missouri River and the Great Northern Railroad, is a monument erected to pay tribute to old Shep, a collie dog that had belonged to an old shepherd. Wherever the man went Shep was always at his side.

Then in 1936 Shep's master died. Shep accompanied him the final time when men took his body to the train station, from whence it would be shipped back East for burial. Shep tried to board the train with his master, but was put off. As the train pulled from the station, Shep followed as far as he could. Losing sight of the train, he returned to the station where he dug a spot under the depot, from which he would keep vigil for the return of his master. Through six cold, snowy Montana winters and five springs he would expectantly greet the arrival of each train, looking for his master's return. In January, 1942, a train struck the old dog, killing him. Railroaders who had befriended and fed the dog buried him on a bluff, and the monument was erected in his memory.

Are we, as Christians, as faithful as was old Shep as we look for the return of our Master? Unlike Shep, our Master will return. When God's table of time is completed, "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Hebrews 10:37). Though years pass, we are "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 3:13). The question is: ARE YOU READY?



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Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

July 31

Acts 17:1 - 18:22
Tom Kelley
Taylor Hoskins
Tim Coriell
Jamie Riley
John Berry
Lane Raiser
Eric McLaughlin
Terry Sullivan
Shaun McCray
Kevin Stimpert
Ike Hardin
Troy Gahm
Steve Miller
Josh Coriell

August 7

Acts 18:23 - 20:2
Don Coriell
Scott Gamp
Al Graff
Aaron Kallner
Dewey Cordle
Gary Glispie
Ed McLaughlin
Jason Coriell
Mark Gamp
Ira Coriell
Chuck Allison
John Gamp
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Mark Gamp
Wayne Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Franke

Aaron McCray
Tom Kelley
Josh Coriell
John Berry

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
Tim Gamp
Exodus 16 - 18

Jeff Hayward
Greg Coriell
Exodus 19 - 20

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve.Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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