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“Trust Trade-off”

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.” (Psalm 20:7)

Mesmerized by Money? Job vs Judas

Job 31:24-25, 28 – (24) “If I have made gold my trust or called fine gold my confidence, (25) if I have rejoiced because my wealth was abundant or because my hand had found much... (28) this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I would have been false to God above.”

Matthew 26:14-16 – (14) “Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests (15) and said, ‘What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?’ And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. (16) And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.”

Monetary Mindsets

Psalm 52:6-8 – (6) “The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, (7) ‘See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!’ (8) But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.”

Trust Exercise

Psalm 62:8-10 – (8) “Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah (9) Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. (10) Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.”

Jesus’ Mutually Exclusive Monetary Policy

Matthew 6:24 – “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money (*mamonas* – confidence).”

Matthew 6:19-21 – (19) “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, (20) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. (21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Regarding Money, take away the † & rust is what you get

Luke 9:23-25 – (23) “And he said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (24) For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. (25) For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?”

James 5:3 – “Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.”

Investment Advice

1 Timothy 6:17-19 – (17) “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. (18) They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, (19) thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

Ecclesiastes 5:13 – “There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver” (NLT) .

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