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PTEJC FB Post

"Sometimes the greatest form of encouragement is tough love."

Discovering Wealth

Since we live in a "prosperous" nation AND the Word of God says He will prosper us, shouldn't EVERY Christian take the time to see if their definition of "prosperity" matches up with God's???

Maybe You're Color-Blind?

Maybe God's trying to open your eyes to the truth, even if every indication, every sense of awareness, and even your scale of values agrees with the world's definition of wealth.

Discovering Wealth

Maybe, just maybe, God's telling you that your fleshly senses have been wrong all this time. Maybe your so-called Christian friends are wrong, too. Maybe your scale of values is off...and as a result, your "life goals" are off, too.

Discovering Color-Blindness

If you were color blind, for real, physically...how would you EVER realize it, unless someone came along and TOLD you that you were???

*** Currency-Exchanges diagram ***

"regard one another as more important than yourselves"

Describes what true humility looks like (Rom 12:10; Gal 5:13; Eph 5:21; 1Pe 5:5).

Doing TLJC's Business, Not Yours

Attending an occasional charity event, making a donation, or doing something nice now and again for someone else does NOT constitute "regard one another as more important than yourselves"...ANYONE, even an unbeliever, can do those things, and does, in order to obtain more currency (creature credit).

Gal 6:7-8 [Message]

Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others-ignoring God!-harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.

Whose approval are you seeking?

Ask Yourself...

- "Will this purchase (w/ time, talent, treasure) bring glory to God in Heaven or not?"
- "Will what I'm buying (w/ time, talent, treasure) be something I get to keep in Heaven for all of eternity?"

True Faith - Mt 17:20

True faith always implies complete surrender to God, His will, His precepts, His commands, and even His scale of values. Both the source and the object of faith is God.

Who's Your God?

Is God nothing more than a cheesy, second-rate suitor to you? Do you think that His goal is to "flirt" with you by encouraging your obsession with worldly prosperity (money, toys, clothes, etc.)? Does Satan disguise himself as an angel of light?

Who Receives Your Gratitude?

Based on how/when most Christians say "thank you" to God, one has to wonder WHICH god they are ACTUALLY thanking!

Who Gave Who What?

As yourself the next time you purchase something. Do the reactions of others factor into your decision? If you could have a functionally equivalent item, less the name tag or the "look at me" flash, would you purchase it? Why not purchase what you want rather than what the world wants?

Entitlement Issues

You are not "entitled" to a prosperous life by world standards. When you were saved, as an adopted child, you were en-titled (in + title) to the wisdom in the Word regarding true prosperity.