

**TRUE CHRISTIANS
REBUKE SIN
AND EXPOSE IT**

**FALSE CHRISTIANS
PRACTICE SIN
AND DEFEND IT**

**A FRIEND OF THE WORLD
IS THE ENEMY OF GOD**

JAMES 4,4

TRUE MOTIVE

A very famous preacher (one who is not accepted in most churches due to his heretical teaching but who has managed to conquer and poison the hearts and minds of many thousands of Christians who don't know their Bible) stood in front of his large congregation and told his listeners that there was a way by which they could secure their financial future in uncertain times. He made them aware of the existing economic uncertainties and assured his listeners that

they could escape the financial uncertainty which many of them currently faced. And what was his solution?

His advice was plain and simple, all you needed to do was to give more of your money now, put more of your money in the offering bucket when it was handed to you. Thousands of his faithful would have followed his advice on that day and the weekly offering would have most likely doubled that Sunday. Many people would have given more of their money (believing that they were giving this money to God) in the hope that this would protect them from an uncertain times in the future. But their 'giving' was in essence nothing more than a form of insurance. The motivation behind such 'giving' equals the purchase of an insurance policy.

But what they did not realize is that they had been tricked (cheated, deceived) by their pastor for he was the sole beneficiary of their hard earned money.

Whatever was put in the offering box on that day was totally meaningless. It had no value in the eyes of the Lord. The only one who was 'blessed' by this money was the pastor himself.

This was 'spiritual theft' of the very worst kind! Those people had been cheated of their money by the very pastor whom many of them idolized, who was their great spiritual hero.

He walked away with their money and with a big smile on his face while their wallets were empty. If those people would have read and known their Bible they would have never fallen for such dishonest tricks and for such a gross lie.

Giving according to the words of Jesus, according to the revelation of God's word is all about motive. The very moment you give because you expect something in return you have not given to God, you have only given to yourself.

If you give so that you may prosper at some point in the future, so that your financial future will be secure, you have not given anything at all. You have simply entered a calculated contract of exchange. You have given because you expect something in return.

Even if a person gives away millions of dollars or more, to God this money means nothing at all. God does not need our money, He is after our heart. It would have been much better if that person would have spent his money on himself or on his family for at least that way he would have received some benefit from it for he will most surely never receive a reward from the Lord.

The moment we give with an expectation that we will be rewarded for it in the future we have not given out of a pure heart. We have in fact given out of a greedy heart which was motivated

by selfish desires. This is exactly how a businessman thinks before he signs off on a contract. He will only enter a deal after carefully calculating how much he can get back in return.

If you give so that your giving will protect you from future financial uncertainty you have not given your money to God. You have purchased an insurance policy instead. By your very attitude you have already cheated God out of His money. For such giving means nothing to God. The only thing that is certain is that such a person will never receive a reward.

This person will sooner or later become disillusioned with both God and his 'faith' when hard times set in, when he is confronted with financial difficulties and with monetary hardships. So what will he do when this happens? He will blame God for it. He will also blame the preacher who had told him such lies. He will become like the wife of Job, like the friends of Job and his faith will grow weak until it dies.

No one can earn or buy God's favor with money.

Our money means nothing to God. If our giving is focused on material gain (which is the message of the greedy, money hungry and dishonest 'faith' and prosperity preachers today) then it is no longer true giving. God will simply erase that money from His memory and He will ignore it forever.

Jesus gave us a beautiful example of giving which is found in Luke chapter 21.

When you are willing to give all that you have you will no longer give out of wrong motive.

Those rich pastors of today (the heretical pastors of the mega churches who preach a false gospel) love to talk about money. Money is often the main focus of their weekly sermons. Yet they are the least qualified to talk about money. They have accumulated so much material wealth for themselves, they have become multi-millionaires at the expense of their own congregation, of their followers (which are usually people who are forced to live simple and who can only dream about a life of affluence, of luxury and of abundance like the life of their pastor whom they support).

The desire for more and more money has so consumed and has so poisoned their hearts and their minds that their false doctrines are all based around money, around the desire to create more and more wealth for themselves. They are consumed by their cravings for money, for even more material wealth.

One day Jesus will cast them out of his presence just like he did with the money changers who were such an offence to him in God's temple.

Anyone who has used a church to enrich himself will one day have to find that the gates of heaven will be closed up forever.

To exploit God's people financially is one of the worst sins that a man can commit.

And all of the 'faith' and 'prosperity' preachers today are guilty of that grave sin today.

Once you have totally surrendered yourself including all of your money to God you no longer have to fear uncertain times in the future.

The only reason why such false preachers manage to loosen the pockets of their own congregations is because they very often preach to a church which has never truly surrendered to God.

Once God owns all that you have you don't fear the uncertain times of the future. And you would not fall for the greedy lies of ambitious preacher who thirsts and who lusts after your money.

It is only when you have not surrendered what is due to the Lord that you will live in fear and in uncertainty.

The poor widow had nothing to hide. Everything that she owned belonged to the Lord.

How rich will be her reward in the future!

When you give like this widow you will always give with a pure motive and with a pure heart.

The greater the sacrifice the purer the heart!

A person like that widow who gave all that she had will no longer give out of a wrong motif.

This old lady gave away her last pennies which was all that she had. There was no money hidden elsewhere which she kept back in reserve for the 'uncertain times' of the future.

This was true giving, this was giving which the Lord loves and respects.

Jesus not only used this lady as an example of how we should give but this widow also raised his eyebrows since she made him look up and take notice of what she had done.

When you give with such a pure heart, with such love and devotion it will always be noticed by God. He will not only take note of your 'giving' (of the amount) but it will make Him nod with His divine approval as well.

If you truly want to raise the eyebrows of God then give like this widow!

But a person who gives so that he can receive will give in complete absence from the eyes of the Lord.

God does not want to look at the hands of a person who gives out of wrong motives. Such giving is only an offense to the Lord.

So next time you listen to a preacher who is telling you that you can secure your financial future by giving more money today close your ears and shut your heart to his words. Do not listen to a man who will only mislead you. Such a man is nothing but a smooth, subtle liar who has set his sight on your money.

If you really want to give to God, never place your money into the hands of a pastor who lives in great luxury, never give your money to a church which glorifies man, to an outreach project (or a ministry) which was set up to promote the image of 1 single person but instead look for someone in need. Show the love of Christ to someone who has been rejected and support your Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted and who have to endure much hardship and much suffering for the sake of the gospel. (There are some wonderful mission societies like <https://www.persecution.com/> or <https://www.opendoors.org.au/> which are devoted to helping our brothers and sisters in need) Never fall for the lies of someone who is trying to tempt you with money (like all the 'faith' and 'prosperity' preacher which have poisoned so many churches today). Whenever you see a preacher who lives in great luxury you are looking at a spiritual failure, you are not looking at a true man of God. You will see the face of a thief and not someone who has been blessed by the Lord. A real saint will never be on the lookout for your money but he will live a simple and quiet life of sacrifice, a life of surrender and he will give just like the old widow had done.

Look at the widow as your example for this was the woman which Jesus approved!



Matthew 7:21-23

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'...