

## Argument Essay

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Have you ever been told to go buy something to make you happy? People say that money can buy happiness, but others argue that money cannot buy happiness. In many peoples' opinions they believe that money cannot buy happiness for various reasons.

Money cannot buy happiness because God never says that you can but your way to heaven. In the Bible there is nothing about buying your way to heaven. Martin Luther, a monk and the creator of the Lutheran Church, had something to say about that. Since he was a monk, he devoted his life to God and to studying the Bible. During his time a plague was sweeping through Europe and the Catholic Church was making money by telling people that they have to pay money to the church so their loved ones can go to heaven. Luther did not believe that God had ever said that you had to but your way to Him. Using that knowledge, he brought his complaints up to the Catholic Church telling them to stop, but that did not. Luther read the Bible twice again and had found that God had never said anything about paying the church to go to heaven. He went up to the church again and asked them to stop, they said no, but this time, he had evidence he quoted some verses and told them some more. They still refused and the the story goes on from there. Martin Luther was one of the the most active monks in the

monastery at the time and did everything for God. As you can see, Luther proved that money cannot buy happiness.

Money cannot buy happiness because then all rich people would be happy and all poor people would be sad. For example, in the Christmas Carol, Ebenezer Scrooge was a very wealthy man who ran a business. You would think his life would be full of happiness, right? No, he was a sad man, his fiancée had left him just before their wedding and he was very lonely and disliked because he was grumpy. One of the people who worked for him, Bob Cratchit, was payed very low and had a large family to support even though he was poor. You think that he would be sad, right? No, he and his family were actually very happy. They were surrounded by people that they loved and had lots of friends. Even though their son was crippled he still was very joyful and happy. Scrooge's nephew was all so less wealthy than Ebenezer, but was married and was very happy. Many times Fred, Scrooge's nephew, invited him to his house for a party or just a reunions but every time Scrooge denied. Both the Cratchits and Fred and his wife were not the wealthiest, but still made the most of their life. They looked at life like a glass half-full rather than Scrooge's view as a glass half-empty. Money cannot buy happiness because if Scrooge wanted to be happy he could have bought happiness and of the Cratchits were poor they would have been able to buy happiness. Once again, money cannot buy happiness.

As a said earlier some people say that money can buy happiness. Some may say that buying things that cost money make you happy. When you buy something it is the feeling of excitement that you get rather than happiness. After a week or two you usually forget about whatever you bought. Another false claim is that you need money

to repair your home church so you can worship God. In the Bible the only thing it says about worshipping God is that you should be in a quiet, private place where you are alone and able to talk to God. You do not need to be in a church or sanctuary. All in all, there is no way money can buy happiness.

Money cannot buy happiness for different reasons varying from how wealthy a person is and God's word through the Bible. Even if some people say that money can buy happiness you know it doesn't. To some it up, money cannot buy happiness because you can't buy yourself into heaven and you can still be happy if you are poor.