

## Money Can Buy Happiness

If they all say money can't buy happiness, then why does everyone still want to prove it for themselves? Leo Rosten said, "If money can't buy happiness then, neither can poverty." It has been proven in a social study of people that as your annual income increases, your happiness will also increase tremendously. Money can buy happiness. For some ideas to support my claim, I hypothesize that, you can grow family and friendship bonds and the Lord God calls for us to give to one another, hence, "treat your neighbors as yourself, there is no greater commandment than these" Mark 12:31

Money, will help you to grow family and friendship bonds. Spending money to go on vacation is a way to leave the daily routine and grow relationships while spending time together as a family or becoming even better friends. Garth Brooks said, "You aren't wealthy until you have something that money can't buy. From the gift of the Magi, a wife by the name of Della, sold her hair to get money. This money was to buy a Christmas gift for her husband, Jim. When she sold her hair she got twenty dollars, with this money, she was able to buy a new watch chain to go on her husband's pocket watch that had been passed down for many generations. This watch was very special to Jim. When she got him the new chain it was showing that with money from her hair, she could get a gift that would last for more generations to come. "Ohana means family and family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten," -Lilo and Stitch. It is important to spend time and money on your family because

without getting out of your regular routine, you miss special moments that you would have otherwise had.

God calls for us to give to others. This is very important because God calls for us to be philanthropists and share with one another our challenges and successes as brothers and sisters in Christ. There are many people out in the world like our very own Mike Zuckerberg. This man is the creator and founder of one of the most popular social networks in the U.S. He is the mastermind behind, Facebook. Mark has a net worth of over 35 billion dollars. But on the flip side of things, he is also one of the most charitable people in the US. Mark and his wife donate 99% of their company shares to people in the stocks. To most people it's just remarkable at how much of his company he has given up. He is not greedy and is very happy with the amount he has today for him and his family. Like I was talking about earlier, family is very important. Mark agrees. Family is one of his most important life values. Another point I would like to make is about giving money to the less fortunate. For example, in Africa the children there are hungry, un-medicated, and dying children. With money from more fortunate people, donations could be their lifeline. In conclusion, God calling for us to be philanthropists is very true and very real in many daily lives.

Some people may say that money cannot buy happiness. People are greedy and use their money for selfish needs. I say no, this is not a true statement. Again, as I said before, not all people are greedy nor will they be selfish with what they have. Such as people like Mark who use their money for good and use it for needs of the less fortunate. Other people might say money is the root of all evil. Well, this is also untrue and unjust; "The love of money is the root for all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from faith and have pierced themselves with many griefs," 1 Timothy 6:10 As it says in the Bible, the love of money is evil not the money itself.

In conclusion, money is not the problem, in some cases it's the people with the money as they worship it instead of God. Money will get you to amazing places, and before you turn me down on this, just think if I gave you enough money to buy anything or go anywhere in the world I know for a fact that you would take it with a huge smile on your face and happiness in your heart. Use your money wisely my friends because it is the key to happiness.