

# Living Free from the Fear of Having No Money

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Today we are going to be talking about freedom from the fear of not having money. The fear of not having money is basically the fear of most people I have met. I've struggled with that fear for many years in my life but Jesus has set me free! I want to share with you about this and what has set me free.

The first thing that I want to say is that there is no amount of money that can ever take away the fear of not having money. A person that struggles with the fear of not having money when he is poor is just as afraid, even more afraid, once he has money, of losing everything. It is a fear that cannot be set free by the things of this world. If money could set you free from the fear of money, you wouldn't have needed Jesus' death so that you could have freedom. So the key for freedom, when it comes to fear of not having money, is all in the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that is what we are going to look at today. We are going to look at this death. We are going to look at the resurrection of Jesus and we are going to apply that to finances.

I want to start off by reading a very well known scripture in the Bible as pertaining to fear. You might say that you know this verse but we are going to look at this passage, where we are set free from fear, in the light of knowing that we have eternal life... seeing God as our Father. Then we are going to look at Matthew and what Jesus says about finances and His provision for us. We are going to look at a word that is so feared in the Church, called contentment, but I am going to link with that contentment with the resurrection and show you how the resurrection pertains to contentment. We will stop there for today and then next Sunday we continue to speak on this message.

**1John: 4:**

*15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God.*

*16 And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.*

*17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

*18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love.*

He starts off in verse 15 and he is saying that, *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God.* That is an amazing passage! We must remember that **1 John** is now four chapters later after **1John 1:3** where it says, "Our fellowship is with the Father and the with His Son. He is saying that the key that sets us free from fear is acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God. Now, what does that mean and what does it entail to say that Jesus is the Son of God? It means that we are saying that the Jesus, the man that was born out of Mary is in human form today an immortal equal with God... the very Son of God. He is equal with God as a physical human being. The Bible says that he who believes that, God dwells in him. God dwells, or He has found His dwelling place in the person who believes that and he in God.

We are talking about a fellowship now between God and a human. If you believe that the human being Jesus has conquered death and has risen from the dead and is seated at the right hand of God and He is the Son of God, equal with God, that the human, the physical resurrected human, Jesus Christ, is the Son of God, you are actually saying that God made it possible for a human being to be equal with God. He who believes that, God dwells in him and he in God.

**:16 *And we have known and believed the love that God has to us.*** What is the love that God has for us? ***God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.***

So, what is the love of God? The love of God is actually to produce a Son of God. If we read those two passages together, we are seeing in verse 15 that he is saying that if you can acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God, then you dwell in God and God dwells in you.

Then it says in verse 16: ***And we have known and believed the love that God has to us.*** What is the love that God has for us? The love that God has for us was to provide an immortal human in the Godhead. That is the love that God has for us. He who dwells in love, in other words, he who acknowledges the resurrected Jesus, he who believes in the bodily resurrection of Christ, knowing that that includes you. It says that we have known and believed the love that God has for us. We have known, we have experiential knowledge that God loves us in raising Jesus from the dead. And our mind is at rest at the fact that He is risen from the dead.

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How is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of God. What he is saying here is that if you can believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and the context that John has in mind here is, if you can believe that the man, Jesus, has conquered physical death, you are believing that God and man has fellowship in equality. When you believe that, you automatically include yourself. That means that as He is a Son of God., so are you now a son of God. That is what he is saying. If you can believe that Jesus is the Son of God, you are also saying, according to John, that you are the son of God. If you can say that Jesus dwells and He has the fullness of the Godhead, bodily, in Him, then you are also acknowledging that you have the fullness of the Godhead bodily in you.

He says that we will have no fear and actually we will have boldness in the day of judgment because Jesus is the Son who has eternal life and we are sons who have eternal life. We shall be made, or have the manifestation of, sons in that day because we are now, already, the sons of God. What we are does not yet appear but we know that when we appear we shall be like Him. Can you see that rest that there is in that?

Now he goes on and says in verse **18: *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear:***

So, what happens here is that John is saying that fear is actually an emotion that comes forth when you don't know that physical immortality is yours. That is what he is saying here. He says that in the day of judgment, in other words, when the judgment of God is fully manifested in the world, wherein God's judgment where He has given assurance to all men in raising Jesus from the dead, comes to this earth and we have our resurrected bodies, he is saying that in that day we will have no fear because we are now acknowledging the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And as we do that, we include ourselves because when we say that Jesus was raised we are actually saying that a human was raised and you are human and the fullness of the Godhead is bodily in Jesus, the man Jesus, and you are included in that. That takes away all fear.

What takes away fear is the assurance that you, the very temple of God, knows that you can live forever! When it comes to financial fear, I've heard so many people say, "Well, if I lose my job how will I live?" Can you see how the fear of death is in there? "How will I live? How will I know for sure that I will live?" It's like Colossians 3 says, talking about the satisfying of the flesh, the flesh can never be satisfied by the Law. A human being's body...it's even difficult for me to say "your body" although it is a language in the Bible, just because of this whole gnostic thing, but we, as humans, cannot have peace in our hearts outside of knowing that we have bodily immortality. Our flesh will never be satisfied. Our flesh will always try to fear and provide for self, through stress, by the sweat of the brow, trying to preserve its own life if we cannot see ourselves as having the guarantee of bodily immortality.

I want to say to you that the key in being set free from financial fear or what will happen if I don't have money, is all in knowing that you definitely have, in this physical body, eternal existence and life and that you can never, as a human once you've believed in Jesus, you can never die! Even if you die, you will be raised. You have the assurance. Even as I see it, if I look in the mirror I see I have a gray beard, I have some wrinkles around my eyes and those kind of things. But, what I feel and what gives me peace about what if I lose my life and I physically die, that fear of physical death is taken away because of the assurance that I will live forever. I hope you can see how the fear of "what if I don't have money" is just a very small thing compared to that physical death.

At the end of the day, the fear of not having money, comes and was born in Adam. God said to Adam, "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for the day you eat, you shall surely die." Then He announced the curse was on Adam and He said to Adam, "You will toil the ground that you were taken from until you return to it" What Adam's mind was, "I need to preserve my life. I am now part of 'I am working hard' so that I can continue to live." That is what he was trying to do. He was trying to preserve his life forever by working the ground. "I'm going to make life manifest in my life!" But, God said, "I want to tell you, "You will return to the dust that you were taken from." Now, that gives you the knowledge that, by your own works and by your financial gain, you can take nothing. At the end of the day it cannot profit you at all. It cannot give you the peace of mind and that is what the scripture is clear on.

With this in mind, where we are seeing that knowing that you are the son of God, when you say that you are the son of God, you are actually saying, "God is my father!" When you see that, and you can know that bodily you have the assurance that you will be okay because of the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ. When you have that, your flesh supernaturally rests! This mind goes to rest. It doesn't all the time calculate where will it get money to live because in the deepest part of it has found the assurance of eternal life. Once your deepest part of your heart has found the assurance and the safety of physical immortality, your mind will let go of trying to preserve your own physical life and you'll rest. That thing, that fear of "What if I don't have money?" will fall off. It will just disappear. That's how it works.

I remember the day that contentment came to my heart. It was a miracle! It was simply a miracle. It wasn't something you decide to do. It was a miracle that came on the revelation of God's love for me in Jesus' death and resurrection. That is where I got that. If you have little or much, it doesn't matter. The determining factor pertaining to fear in your heart is not how much money you have. It's about what you believe about immortality concerning your body.

If we believe that just our spirits are going to heaven, our flesh will not be satisfied with that because the flesh wants to know if it is going to live forever. If the physical body is not going to live forever, it would continually, against your own will, against what Paul calls the inner man or the mind, will be against the inner man. It will say, "Even if you say, "You are okay." I am not okay. The body would say, "You say that you are a spirit and you are going to go off to heaven but I live here and I need food and I need some assurance that I can live forever. If you tell me that I am just going to die and I am not going to have eternal life", your flesh will scream with fear of dying! That fear will be directed towards what the flesh thinks it needs in order for it to sustain itself which is food and clothing and a house and all those kinds of things. Once you start to get that, it will give a weird twist on it where you will find your identity in all these things and it will just destroy your life.

What I want you to take away with these first minutes is that you are a son of God. Son means that God is your Father. Being a son of God and Father is your father means that you are assured of bodily immortality like Jesus. He is the Son of God. The love of God is that God gave His only begotten Son to us. He presented the resurrected Jesus as the gift of righteousness to us. When we behold the resurrected Jesus our hearts are assured that we have eternal life. Then fear is taken away in perfect love. When you become perfect in the love of God, when you start to understand what this love of God is all about and the resurrection, fear leaves you. Fear of the day of judgment... fear of death.... fear of not having money just leaves you.

As this revelation started to settle in my heart, the plans I make in my life is not on how will I get money. Most of the time what is in my mind during the day is about loving my wife, loving my kids and preaching the Gospel. I would say that my mind most of the time is about how can I more effectively share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enjoy in the life of God. I am not saying that I am doing everything perfect but as to pertaining to the fear of not having money, it is as dead as what the fear of not having eternal life... the fear of staying in the grave and never be resurrected. There is no fear for me as pertaining to that because I have seen the resurrected Christ through the scriptures. I've got the assurance of the Holy Spirit in me. I have already seen the first fruit of the Spirit. As I believe upon that, and that captivated my thought and my mind, the fear of not having enough money died with it.

The first point I want you to know is that God is your Father and you are His son. And in Jewish history, Father/son means equal with God, assurance of eternal life.

Now let's look at how Jesus dealt with people who had a fear of not having money:

**Matthew 6:**

***25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life (What makes life eternal) more than meat, and the body (more) than raiment (clothes)?***

***26 Behold the birds of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; (and now the key here:) yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not (worth) much better than they?***

***27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?***

Can you see what Jesus is saying here? He is immediately saying, "Who of you, by taking thought, can cause your physical body to grow? You cannot!" Jesus was saying here that when it comes to finances He says, "The true thing here is who by worrying about your money can actually prolong your own life or change the very makeup of your body? It is impossible!

**27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?**

**28 And why take you thought for raiment (clothes)? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:**

**29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**

**30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?**

**31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewith shall we be clothed?**

**32 For after all these things do the Gentiles seek ...(Those who don't have God as Father)... *for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things.***

**33 But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

What is God saying here? What is Jesus saying? Jesus says, “The problem you have, why you are so occupied with “What will I eat, what will I drink?” is because you are not seeing God as your Father. Don't you know your heavenly Father knows that you have need of these things?

**26 Behold the birds of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them...**

The context of having God as Father was blasphemy in the time of the Jews because you make God equal to yourself. Now what Jesus was saying is, “I am the Son of God and eternal life belongs to Me.” Jesus had already made the calculation that that also means that these people have God as Father and that eternal life also belongs to them.

Now He comes and basically says that they are also the sons of God. We know that Jesus still had to die and had to be raised and that the resurrected Jesus had to be presented to people so that what Jesus came to do to manifest in His true power. But Jesus was already seen in God's plan calling God their Father, actually saying, “Why do you worry about clothes? You are presented with eternal life and if you are presented with eternal life, you, by your thought, cannot add one inch to your stature!” It is humanly impossible to sit and worry and by your worries add to your physical stature. He says, “God is your Father and what He adds to your physical stature is immortality and eternal life. So now, how can you be worried about what you will eat, what you will drink, and all those kind of things, for God has taken care of you and your physicality to the point that He grants you immortality!” That is what is in the back of Jesus' mind when He says these things... when He calls God, “Father”. Amen!

The only place where we can truly know God is our Father is if we behold the immortal God that shines like the sun, that lives in the unapproachable light, that no man can enter into by his own works and we can see a physical human being shine with the same glory... and that includes us! Once your mind enters into that all fear is taken away from you... including the fear of not having money.

Jesus says, **:33 But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** There is a difference between you working for things and by your hard labor and the sweat of your brow through your works, you create that provision or where God empowers you, you do what you must do and these things are added on to you. Both work but the one works to create it and to the other it is added. It's just added. But what He is saying is, **But seek first the kingdom of God.** Now some say that if you first seek the kingdom of God that is your tithing and your sowing and your reaping... Rubbish! That is not what it means! You are not first seeking the kingdom of God by first giving to the church. It doesn't matter how poor you are and now when you give to the church you are now first seeking the "advancement" of the kingdom. And if you actually cared for the kingdom then the kingdom will care for you... no! What Jesus is saying here is, "Let your heart be for God's kingdom."

God's kingdom is the King, Jesus, who is King over sin and death which now comes and is bringing forth the first fruit of eternal life to people on the earth and then has promised the fullness of His kingdom which is immortality in the resurrection. He says, "Seek those things!" Seek those things and His righteousness meaning His equitable deed in His death and His resurrection. Have a desire where God adds to you. Have a desire where it is not by your works where you are seeing the kingdom of God which is the immortality of God manifesting in the earth through calling Jesus the Son of God... believing He is the Son of God. Have that and you will find that the Almighty God, by His power of His resurrection provides for your body in this world. You have a job and you have this and have that and all those kind of things. That's it! And once that happens, you will not have your peace based on how much was manifested by God in your life.

I want to read the definition of the word, contentment. Contentment does not mean, "I'm satisfied with poverty." That's not what it means. It has a different meaning in the Greek. The word, contentment, can only find its true definition in the resurrection. You cannot understand contentment without understanding the resurrection because this is the definition of contentment in the Greek: It is to be possessed of unfailing strength. It also comes from the Word where the Bible talks about alleviating or lifting off sin and death. That is what it talks about. The Bible talks about those who bear no fruit, He will lift them up... that lifting to take away sin. So He is saying here that contentment is when you are possessed with unfailing strength in the midst of it doesn't matter what happened. That can only take place where you are saying, "Well, I surely know that I have eternal life."

If my car breaks down and you come to me and ask me, "Do you have eternal life? Are you sure that Jesus rose from the dead and then you will be raised?" I will tell you, "Yes!" And my mind is fully persuaded of that. That's 'with contentment', to be possessed of unfailing strength.

**Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.**

He doesn't say, "therewith". He actually says it this way: **Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am to be content.** He is saying, "I have learned that in whatever state I am right there I can still say, "I am possessed of unfailing strength" Unfailing strength talks about living and not dying... a partaker of the resurrection. That's the only place where you can have unfailing strength. We know that in this world, in our own strength, you can become tired. You can work the whole day and become tired. You can feel your strength is failing you but I am a possessor of unfailing strength in eternal life where I cannot become tired, where I cannot die, in the fact that Jesus was physically raised from the dead.

Paul comes and says in verse 11: ***“I don't speak in respect of want.”*** My flesh is not wanting more stuff so that it can have the assurance that it will live for I have learned in whatever state I am to still have knowledge that eternal life is mine. It actually comes to say that we cannot take the signs that in this time, we cannot take the things that happen to us in this world, as the sign or the true message about the assurance of our eternal existence as humans in a glorified state. That is what I believe what causes discontentment. I can understand now, when years ago in my life, I was studying the scriptures, starting to realize it is about the resurrection, knowing that I cannot be defined by the things of this world for I am defined by the resurrected Jesus, I found this contentment. Now years later I've got understanding on what actually happened there and now I can teach it to you. I'm so grateful today to teach this for this will set the Church so free! I tell you, the promise of financial prosperity by the death and the resurrection of Jesus is not what is going to satisfy you. If your flesh is still saying, “Well, unless I have great financial prosperity, I don't have the assurance that I can live forever.” and now someone teaches you biblical principles on how to get more money, the flesh will see that money but the flesh will not be satisfied because it knows that money can run out.

The flesh will only be satisfied with the assurance that the flesh can live forever and never die and have a source that provides life to it which is greater than itself which is the Spirit of God. Once you see that, once you grab that, once you get a hold of that you will find absolute freedom come to you.

So when Paul comes and he says, ***“Not that I speak in respect of want...”*** the context here was that he was talking about when he had nothing. But he said, “My flesh was not crying for having more.” The problem today is that our flesh cries for more because of a lack of the understanding of the resurrection and the assurance of eternal salvation of our body. Therefore our flesh supernaturally, from the subconscious mind, is crying for more, and we have fear. We have anxiety and all these kind of things because we don't know if we will live forever. But as this resurrection thing becomes bodily, and we see that, we find that ***in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*** (The 'therewith' there is italicized.) I'm not content with my state. My state cannot bring me contentment. Paul is saying, “I don't have any want because I am possessed of unfailing strength and the only way that is possible is by knowledge of the resurrection.

### **1 Timothy 6:**

***6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.*** Godliness, a Godly life, that is combined or as a result of unfailing strength, which I believe is the revelation of Jesus Christ wherein I don't care what state I am in. I am sure that I am going to have eternal life! Amen!

***But godliness with contentment is great gain.*** In other words, a life that manifests from the power of the Holy Spirit which where you are possessed of unfailing strength where, as pertaining to the things of this world, you know I cannot be defined, my flesh doesn't cry for them, because my flesh has the assurance of the bodily resurrection of Jesus. That is great gain! Now you've really gained. I also want to say that a person that is in that state is much more likely for him to be successful in business in true peace than a person who is stressing all the time because his body is crying. A person that has this kind of a life that we talk about here, godliness with contentment, as I just explained, you will find righteousness in his business. You will find that he is not trying to abuse his workers. You will find that when he works for a boss he will do his job well because, his salary is not the voice that tells him that he will live forever. He will really have excellence there because it is not born from the revelation of 'Christians must have excellence' or 'Christian business owners must be good to their owners.' It will be a life born from the reality that, 'I have eternal life' and if this person gets ten dollars more than what he is supposed to get, it's not going to end my life because I have eternal life.

**7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

**8 And having food and clothes let us be therewith content**

In other words, if we have food and clothes, let us, in that state, still be possessed with unending strength. In other words, it says here that if you have food and clothes, let the message, and these are my words and the way I see this contentment, in that state you can be possessed with unending strength. That's how I see that.

Let me rephrase: **8 And having food and clothes let us be therewith content.** Let me put it this way: Let the contentment or the revelation that you are possessed by eternal strength, be of such a sort that bodily you will find satisfaction even if you just have food and clothes. That is what it is saying. It is not, "Well be happy with just food and clothes". No, let the revelation of the assurance of your physical existence forever, bodily, because of the resurrected Jesus, be of such a sort that if you just have food and clothes you are happy.

**9 But they that want to be rich...** In other words, they, that are at a place where you are chasing after these riches, in other words, a place where they don't have contentment, where they are not possessed by eternal strength, but where their flesh is screaming for provision by their own works.

**They that want to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**

**10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith,** Can you see "erred from the faith"... the faith is to believe that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead) **and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

So what is he saying here? He says contentment, to be possessed by eternal strength., let it be of such a sort... To make it very practical: If I start to stress about money, what do I do? I go and study the resurrection. If I start to stress about things, what do I do? "God, I just want to go and have my mind renewed and I want to look at the renewed mind which is the truth of the resurrection and the assurance of my eternal existence." I continue in that until I find that I have more than I need. Where I was stressing, all of a sudden as I look at this, I find the power of the Holy Spirit setting me free from my fears. Amen

**1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy;**

He says, to those who have received money, those who are rich, tell them, "You have received the money to enjoy but don't trust in that money for life because those things do not have the assurance of eternal life." So, when God has given you a lot of things, there will be a temptation that you trust in those things. But no, be content. In other words be possessed by eternal strength. Stand in the revelation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and just enjoy your money. That is all. Don't put a belief in it.

**18 Tell the rich That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;** He is saying to the rich, "Enjoy your money. Don't believe in the money. Be content. In other words, be possessed by the strength of the resurrection and do good, enjoy it and bless people. That's what he says. Be **ready to distribute, willing to communicate.**



And living from this contentment and not believing in your wealth, you are :**19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.** Isn't that beautiful!

He is basically saying, "Don't put your faith in the money." That is the same for the poor. "Don't put your faith in the money but have contentment." Contentment means possessed of eternal strength. From here you can enjoy your money. You can bless people. The poor can enjoy the clothes and the bread they have because they know that they are going to have eternal life.

He says, "Now that we live that, we eventually lay hold of eternal life. We will have that immortality because we will not be tempted to fall away from it because we are beholding this resurrection.

**Hebrews 13:**

**5 Let your conversation (your life) be without covetousness (with contentment); and be content with such things as you have: for he has said, I will never leave you, nor forsake you.**

**6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.**

We are seeing here that he is already talking about, in the context of Hebrews 13, persecution and people being killed. He is saying that even if they take all of your stuff, this is one thing you need to know: Be strong in the revelation that you will live forever, bodily, and with that contentment that is in you, you are not going to covet after things, you are focusing on being possessed by eternal strength and from there you will find that you will boldly say, "The Lord is the One who provides for me!" From there you will have all provision. Glory to God!

I trust this message has blessed you. I would like to ask you to share this with friends because there are many people who need to hear this. They need to go and study the message of the resurrection. But, I want you to know how the resurrection message is connected with having no fear of having no money because my heart is settled in, even if I don't have money, I am assured that I will have eternal life, my children will have eternal life. From a life like that you make much wiser decisions as pertaining to business, jobs and all those kind of things. You are a better worker. You are a better boss. Life is just so much better because it is born from being possessed by eternal strength and you not trying to preserve your own life but you know your life is already preserved by the Creator Himself. Amen!.

I will speak on this matter again next week. I love you. God loves you!.