

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Is a person not given riches by God because they cannot handle riches?

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Re: Is a person not given riches by God because they cannot handle riches? - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2014/3/16 17:20

Yes, it can be that a person is not given riches because they would destroy themselves with it. God by His providence does work this way some times.

Just because a person has desires to be a pastor, doesn't mean that God put that desire into them. Many have had a desire to be a pastor, and many have brought the Name of God such shame and disgrace. A true man of God doesn't care about riches anyway. Paul said that by God's providence, he learned to be content in all things.

I do not believe that Job lost his wealth, children, and cattle, etc, because he could not handle them. I do however believe that God wanted to show Job that He does whatever He pleases, He is no man's debtor, and that all good things come from Him.

We must remember that covetousness is a sin. God knows the intentions of the heart, and tries the reigns. He does not let us be tempted more than we can bear; however, He may let satan tempt us so that we can see what is really in our own hearts. As Samuel Rutherford once said, "the devil is a master-fencer to teach us how to handle our weapons."

One man's medicine is another's poison. Let us always focus on our own walk with God first and foremost.

Hope that helps a bit.

Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2014/3/16 20:35

With God it's always the same principle like in Romans 10:15 : "And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

You can use that in other fields of personal desires as well. He knows what's best for us, and unless we are sent, we come in our own name, trying to glorify self, not God.

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Well, we are prone to judge based on the outward, but seldom do we get it right when it comes to someone else's life with God.

Just when you think you have figured out how God interacts with everyone else, you find yourself in the middle of a trial and are experiencing everyone misjudging you.