

CA2. Putting Yeshua Ahead of Worldly Wealth.

We are to put Yeshua ahead of worldly wealth.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 14:33

So every one of you who doesn't renounce all that he has cannot be my talmid.

Luke 18:22

On hearing this Yeshua said to him, "There is one thing you still lack. Sell whatever you have, distribute the proceeds to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come, follow me!"

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 10:37-38, 19:20-21

Mark 10:21

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Exodus 20:3

You are to have no other gods before me.

Deuteronomy 6:5

...and you are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart, all your being and all your resources.

Proverbs 3:9

Honor ADONAI with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your income.

Comment

In Luke 18:22, Yeshua told a young man who was following him to sell all he had and distribute the proceeds to the poor. Some take that to mean that we should not own homes, not have bank accounts and not have retirement plans, but it is a mistaken interpretation. Yeshua said what he

said because the young man had an idolatry to his wealth and needed to be freed of it. For those of us who are not in bondage to money and possessions it is a our heart attitude in pursuing, acquiring, and accumulating such things that is at issue.

Matthew 6:33 commands us to “*seek first his Kingdom.*” This means that we are to put God ahead of all worldly things. Consistent with that, Luke 14:33 and Luke 18:22 are explicit that we cannot be disciples of Yeshua if we do not put him before our money and our possessions.

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