

FLEURIEU EDGE

The Best Things In Life

An old adage says, "The best things in life are free." There's a lot of truth in that. Some people, however, believe that the best things in life are expensive or perhaps elusive. Recently I saw a sign that made me smile and think. It said, "The best things in life are not things." What a great way to say it! The value of family, friends, and faith points us to the realization that what matters most in life is all wrapped up in people and the Lord.

Solomon was well qualified to speak about material things because he "surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom" (1 Kings 10:23). His advice? "Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven" (Proverbs 23:4-5). His recommended course of action was, "Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge...For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off" (Proverbs 23:12,18).

The best things in life are the eternal riches that come from God's goodness and grace in Jesus Christ. We do not hold them in our hands, but in our hearts. Our greatest riches are the riches we have in Christ.

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Proverbs 23:4-12 ⁴Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! ⁵Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven.

⁶Do not eat the bread of a miser, nor desire his delicacies; ⁷for as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" He says to you, but his heart is not with you. ⁸The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit up, and waste your pleasant words.

⁹Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

¹⁰Do not remove the ancient landmark, nor enter the fields of the fatherless; ¹¹for their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you.

¹²Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge.

Proverbs 23:4-12,17-18 ¹⁷Do not let your heart envy sinners, but be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day; ¹⁸for surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off. (NKJV)

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