jenaministries - Part 3 Prayers

10. A Prayer for Finances

Dear Lord,

Thank you for my life and for being my God. My life is so tiny in the big scope of things. Yet you are here with me, guiding and comforting.

You know my every situation and you know the struggle I have with finances. You say in your Word (<u>James 4:2-3</u>) that sometimes we do not have because we do not ask you for it. So, I'm now asking for help with my finances.

I'm not asking to be rich. I don't want to be like King Solomon (1 Kings 3:11-13) (who you gave everything he could want), and have strong temptations to not follow you. And please don't give me anything that could make me turn away from you (Matthew 19:16-23). You know my weaknesses and having too much is such a strong temptation.

If you would help me with my source of income (maybe a new job and/or career), I believe things would be so much better. Open doors of opportunities that I can't even think of. Lead me to a job where you can use me for your glory.

Help me with my budget and how I can downsize if necessary. I'm sorry I haven't been tithing as I would like to (2 Corinthians 9:7). You have blessed me with so many things and I really want to give back to you (2 Corinthians 9:8).

I also pray for your peace during this storm I have found myself in (<u>Philippians 4:6-7</u>). This is all so very stressful on my family. But your peace is stronger than any stress imaginable (<u>John 16:33</u>).

I wait in anticipation for what you are going to do. You have never let me down, and you will come through for me again. I claim that right now.

I pray in that sweet, but powerful name of Jesus, my Lord.

Amen.

James 4:2-3 2 You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

1 Kings 3:11-13 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

Matthew 19:16-23 16 Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" 17 "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments." 18 "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, " 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.' " 20 "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- 2 Corinthians 9:8 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Philippians 4:6-7 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."