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However, it cannot buy everything!

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I heard it said that money talks. I have also heard it said that it is not only in who you know, but also how much money you have. Money may help you gain many things in life for convenience, entertainment and even friends. Friends who come because of who you are or what you possess is not committed friends. If the money and fun runs out, they will too. More money can help you pay the bills and live at peace knowing that you are sitting good at the moment. You can even accumulate more money and have more peace because you are not living week-to-week as many do. The truth is that money can help you accumulate more stuff, eat at more expensive restaurants, own larger homes, drive nicer cars and get better healthcare. However, it cannot buy love, longevity, intelligence, integrity, or lasting inner peace. These things take intentionality on your part along with determination and commitment.

Money cannot buy happiness

Happiness is not bought over the counter or borrowed from a friend or loved one. It is an inner state of peace with a strong sense of personal well-being. Someone who is joyful, filled with pleasure and contented is happy. Living only to accumulate things is not happiness that remains. The relationships in your life should be a good reason for maintaining inner happiness. On a side note, I have heard rich people state of how unhappy they are.

Money cannot buy love

Obtaining money and possessions can get you friends, spouses and children, but it has never bought their love. True love is given and cannot be bought. If love is bought it will only last as long as the money. Love people and use money, but never love money and use people. When we leave this world we can meet our loved ones, but we will never meet our money. Love is not affected by rust or eaten by moths, nor is it lost or stolen by thieves.

Money cannot buy character

Character comes from within a person not just from a person with deep pockets. Character is developed by choice and not because someone has money. As a matter of fact, a poor person can have a better character than a rich person. Integrity does not follow money, it follows the person. Someone who has possessions and gives to those in need possesses the better character. Too many have been hurt by those who have money. Do not allow money to change who you are. Honesty, compassion and love comes from within a person, not from the pocket.