

BAILOUT

(1) *Who's On First?*

Proverbs 21:5 says...
The **PLANS** of the **DILIGENT... LEAD TO PROFIT...**
as surely as **HASTE** leads to **POVERTY!**

It's not what Jesus wants **FROM** you... it's what He wants **FOR** you!

You think that the **ECONOMY** has a **HOLD** on **YOU...** and you don't actually understand that **GOD** has a **HOLD** on the **ECONOMY!**

A Personal **BAILOUT** will occur... when our **BONDAGE** to our **BLING...** is **BROKEN!**

THREE "BAILOUT" QUESTIONS...

1. WHAT DOES JESUS EXPECT...?

Matthew 6:1... "Be Careful..."

"BE CAREFUL..." not to **practice your righteousness** in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no **reward** from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:2... "So WHEN YOU GIVE..."

WHEN YOU GIVE... to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their **reward** in full. 3 But **WHEN YOU GIVE...**

WHEN YOU GIVE... to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, **will REWARD** you.

"PUT ME FIRST... and GIVE... and I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!"

JESUS EXPECTS... FOR HIS PEOPLE... TO TAKE CARE OF HIS HOUSE!

Malachi 3:10...

*Bring the whole **tithe** into **the storehouse**, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this**," says the Lord Almighty, "**and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.***

2. WHERE'S MY HEART...?

Matthew 6:19...

*"**Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth**, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

*A **NATION** that has **CONSUMER DEBT** as its **NUMBER ONE PROBLEM**... isn't because **WE DON'T "HAVE" ENOUGH**... it's because **WE DON'T "MANAGE" WELL ENOUGH!***

*20 **But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

*21 **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.***

3. WHO DO I SERVE...?

Matthew 6:22-24...

*"The **eye** is the lamp of the body. If your **eyes** are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your **eyes** are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!*

*It's not a **PROBLEM** to **HAVE NICE THINGS**...
It's a **PROBLEM** when those **NICE THINGS**... **HAVE YOU!***

Matthew 6:24...

*"**No one can serve two masters.** Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and money.**"*

IT'S HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE... TO SERVE GOD "AND" MONEY!

*Because Jesus knew that **MONEY** would be the biggest competitor with our **HEART!***

**WHAT DOES JESUS EXPECT...?
WHERE'S YOUR HEART...?
WHO DO YOU SERVE...?**

WHO'S ON FIRST...?
