

Financial Peace University

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19



Where Do I Find Security?

In his book, *The Christian Faith*, Robert Kolb suggests that to be fully human as God created us to be human we need three things. They are:

1. Identity – we need to know who we are.
2. Purpose – we need to know that our life has meaning.
3. Security – we need to know that we are safe.

He writes, "We cannot survive without a sense of our ultimate identity, security, and meaning." For us as Christians, the source(s) for identity, security, and meaning become very important. If we look for them in the wrong places, we will not only be disappointed we will be lost.

Kolb continues, "Jesus gives our lives meaning and a sense of security. He has established our identities anew by planting his mark, the cross, on our heads and on our hearts. He gives this new existence reality as he sustains us with his Word of promise. He is the only source of our ultimate identity, security, and meaning."

Too many people, even some Christians, look for security in money and possessions. (See the parable of the Rich Farmer in Luke 12.) Money and possessions are in themselves not bad and insuring against their loss is not wrong. The danger is when we put our security in things and are not rich toward God.

God's stewards put their trust in God and not in things.

Discussion Questions:

1. People struggle with finding identity, purpose, and security. Why?
2. Philippians 4:19 says that God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. What does that mean?
3. What comfort do you find in the fact that God will supply every need of yours?
4. How can we be rich toward God and what benefit does that give?

Stewardship Truth:

God provides the security we need not only for this life, but also for eternity.