

INTRODUCTION:

1. In all that you do you must make up your mind about the price involved. Am I willing to pay the price? That all depends? Some one has said, "One does not expect in this world; one hopes and pays car-fares."
2. PRICE TAGS:
 - (1) Often we may be tempted by the price itself. The price of the item is plainly marked and displayed for all to see.
 - (2) The item itself is the source of temptation. It was well displayed, the price tag is there, but it is turned over. (I must have it regardless of the price)
3. In all that we do the price must be considered. The cost must be counted. Are we willing to pay the price? We might be willing to pay the price but the question is: Can we afford it? Are we able to pay the price on the tag? Luke 14:28-30
4. All of us are travelers through God's world. In this world's transportation systems you may go first class, second class, determined by the price that you want to pay, or that you are able to pay. In our journey through God's world we all ride the same transportation we all pay the same price but here the likeness may end.
 - (1) Many pass through God's beautiful world (thought, mind, attitude ETC) all shut up inside a dark dismal coach, with all the curtains drawn tight, themselves shut-in, and God shut out.
 - (2) Still others travel in this same coach so to speak but they have the curtain raised high. As they travel they catch a glimpse of every fair, beautiful and lovely thing by the way. They breathe the fresh air, hear the joyous songs of the birds. They see the beautiful heavens that "declare the glory of God." They see the earth that speaks continually of the handy work of God. Psalms 19:1,2
5. Mr. Fred Smith, executive vice-president of the Gruen Watch Company said:
 - (1) The good things of life have to be paid for in advance.
 - (2) While the evil things we do, generally are paid for on the installment plan. (The story of brother N. B. Hardeman's sermon on DELAYED PAYMENT in a church in a town several years ago where the preacher delayed some payments.)

A PRICE ON EVERYTHING. THE WORLD IS A STORE KEEPER. WE MUST PAY FOR WHAT WE GET

1. "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Mark 10:17
 1. Jesus told him, "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, Sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross and follow me." Mark 10:21
 2. The price was to high for him...he was not willing to pay it.
2. #Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on they right hand, and the other on the left, in they kingdom." Matt. 20:20-29 Can you pay the price?:
 1. "Are you able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 10:24
3. And when the ten heard it; they were filled with indignation against the two brethren. Mark
These ten brethren could do but one of two things:
 1. Rejoice that these two brethren might be honored with such a position, or
 2. Get mad as they did. What a terrible price to pay. The two brethren did not do as the ten thought they should.
4. The road to true greatness:
 1. "Whosoever will be great among you." "Let him be your minister."
 2. "Whosoever will be chief among you." "Let him be your servant." Matt. 20:26-28; 23:11
 "But to every man there openeth
 A High Way and a Low,
 And every man decideth
 The Way his soul shall go."

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With every good wish to you, I am

Yours sincerely,

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THE PRICE WE PAY FOR THE EVIL WE DO. Examples:

1. David found a huge price tag on a sin he had committed. 2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:1-23
 1. David's crime in taking Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah.
 2. His crime increased by having the men fall back from around Uriah in battle so that Uriah was killed. 2 Samuel 11:14-17
 3. He kept it covered up for almost two years. Fancied that it would never be known.
2. The Lord sends Nathan unto David.
 1. Nathan's sermon and its effect on David. 2 Sam 12:1-13
 - (1) David thundered, "The man that hath done this thing shall surely die: and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had not pity." 2 Sam. 12:5, 6
3. The price David paid.
 1. David had been successful before God. Any ascent is always attended by the possibility of a slip and then of a headlong fall. He was about fifty years old now.
 2. This temptation was the turning point in his career, which was henceforth to be marked by a long series of calamities.
4. Lessons to learn from Davids sin:
 1. That the real power of the temptation is not always through the eye, ear, or animal passion, though these are always involved in one way or another.
 2. The real power of a temptation through the senses is to be found in the state of the mind in whibb we are at the time.
 3. It is sad to think that the cup of life which up to this point, God had filled so full for David, was so suddenly and recklessly poisoned by his own hand.

1. Haman, the chief princæ of king Ahasuerus, found the price on the tag high. Esther, chapters 1-7
 1. First, Haman became very indignant because Mordecai, a gate keeper, would not bow to him.
 2. For this he planned to put all the Jewish people in the kingdom to death. He was going to have a special hanging for Mordecai on a scaffold that he had built 75 feet high.
2. Haman's estimation of himself.
 1. The king had discovered that Mordecai had saved his life and enquired what should be done for such a man. Haman supposed that the king spoke of him. "What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor?" Haman said, "let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head, and let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honor, and bring him on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honor." Esther 6:6-14 The first instalment for Haman falls due.
 - (1) Haman was compelled to exalt Mordecai before the people. The next instalment came due quickly.
 - (2) Through Esther, the king discovered Haman's plot to hang Mordecai and ordered Haman to be hanged on the scaffold that he himself had prepared for the backyard hanging of Mordecai.
3. Mordecai, the man. What kind of a man was he?
 1. He was next unto king Ahasuerus.
 2. He was great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren.
 3. He sought the wealth (good) of his people.
 4. He spoke peace to all his seed. Esther 10:3

"I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord,
 O'er mountain or plain or sea;
 I'll say what you want me to say dear Lord,
 I'll be what you want me to be."

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