

Although it was not really much of a sacrifice from his salary as a successful corporate lawyer, Robert Jones put large amounts of money in the offering. He had been attending church and placing his money in the offering tray for missions every 1st Sunday of the month for years. When it was time to elect members to the various church committees, Mr. Jones thought he would easily be elected to his favorite committee: missions. After all, he gave plenty of money to this cause and everyone seemed to know it. But instead of electing Mr. Jones, the people of his church voted for Warren, a humble man who had already gone on a number of missions trips, including one where he dug up septic systems.

Mr. Jones was furious and thought, *“Don’t these people know how much I am giving to the church, especially to the mission’s ministry? What can Warren possibly give that I can’t?”*

What do you think is Mr. Jones’ motivation for leader of the missions committee? Why do you think the people did not vote for him? Do churches ever favor the wealthy people in the congregation? Can money buy a person’s way into church power? In today’s lesson, we will see how consequences come from thinking money can buy everything, especially the Holy Spirit.

Simon Wants to Buy Power – Acts 8:9-24

1. The book of Acts is a book of _____ and _____.
2. Luke (the writer) provides us with facts of how _____ began and spread.
3. Because of _____ witness, many came to _____.
4. Two things Philip preached:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. To be saved, a person must have the _____.

Daily Readings

Wednesday – Leviticus 21:16-24

Thursday – Psalm 147:1-6

Friday – Isaiah 56:1-8

Saturday – Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sunday – Isaiah 16:1-5

Monday – Job 29:2-16

Tuesday – Acts 8:26-39