

THE ONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING

“Give good gifts” Matthew 7:11

GIFT GIVING

Gift giving can present a myriad of challenges. Naturally we can't cover all of them in this forum. So our singular focus here is on the difficulty of buying a gift for the person who, as the old saying says, has everything. I think most who read this will have encountered this dilemma. Some people do seem to have everything. But of course that isn't true. This thought, however, did prompt me to search out some people in history who it probably was hard to buy a gift for. This list includes:

Rulers such as:

- Genghis Khan – Ruler of the Mongol Empire during the late 12th and early 13th centuries who conquered millions of square miles of land and was worth hundreds of trillions of dollars.
- Augustus Caesar – First emperor of Roman from 27 BC to 14AD, whose fortune was estimated at \$4.6 trillion.

Businessmen such as:

- John D Rockefeller – Lived from 1839 to 1937 and is the wealthiest American of all time. At one point he controlled 90% of all oil sales in the US among his other vast holdings. His net worth far exceeded the wealth of today's billionaires and is reported to have been around \$1.4 trillion dollar. The richest man today is worth \$0.2 trillion dollars.
- Andrew Carnegie – Lived from 1835-1919 and his fortune, estimated to have been \$350 billion was made from steel.

There is also the Biblical figure, Solomon, who was the second king of Israel. Experts have calculated his wealth in excess of \$2 trillion. I would not have relished trying to buy a gift for any one of these fellows.

THE ONE WHO TRULY HAS EVERYTHING

As impressive as the fortunes amassed by these men are, of course they didn't have everything. There is only one who has everything and that is God. But if you have a desire to give something to God, because you love Him and because of all He has given you, it is possible to give Him something He wants and which only you can give Him. Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-38, *“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.”* What God wants is for you to belong to Him completely. So now you know what to give the one who truly has everything.