

# THE CHRISTIAN ATHEIST

Do I believe in God but trust in money?



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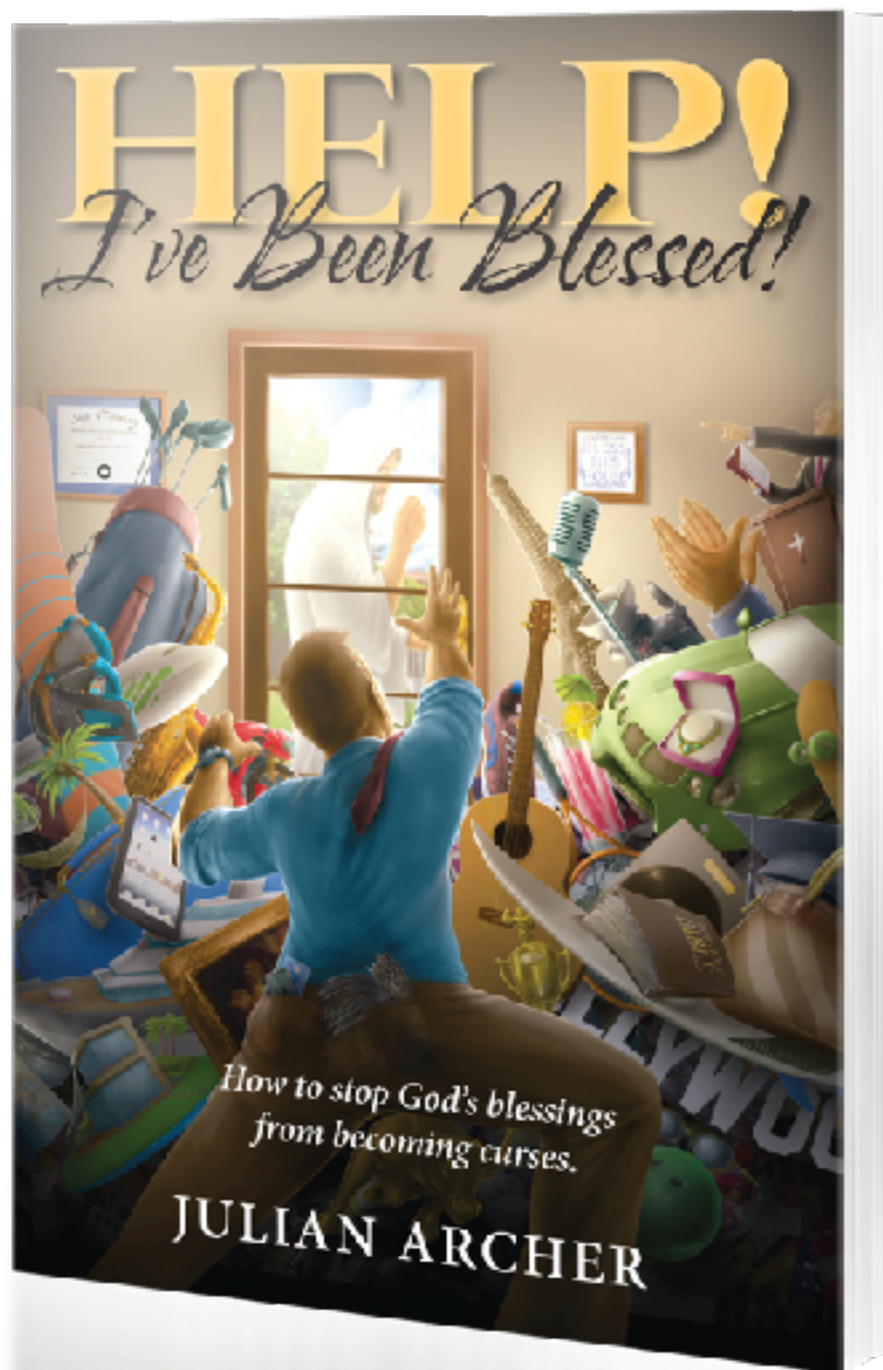
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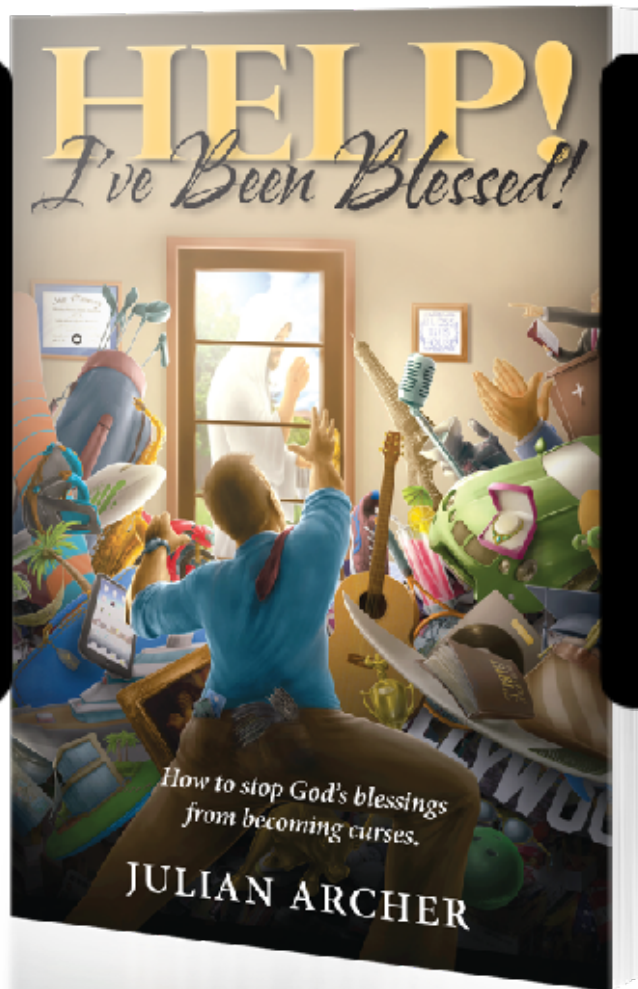
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# Book & eBook

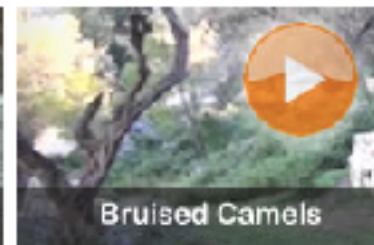
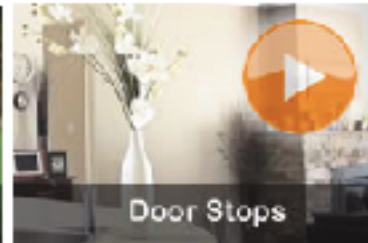


# Audio Book



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10 x short video clips  
on important *Faith vs Finance* topics.



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# Foi ou richesse ?

*La richesse affecte-t-elle la spiritualité ?*

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**En quête d'une réponse**

En 1999, un sondage Gallup a demandé aux Américains s'ils étaient satisfaits de la présidence de Clinton. La réponse a été de 65 %, ce qui est un record pour un président américain. Pourquoi ?

« Les gens ont vu Clinton comme quelqu'un qui était différent », explique le directeur de la recherche, James Carlini. « Il était différent de la plupart des autres présidents américains. Il était différent de son prédécesseur, Bill Clinton, et de son successeur, George W. Bush. »

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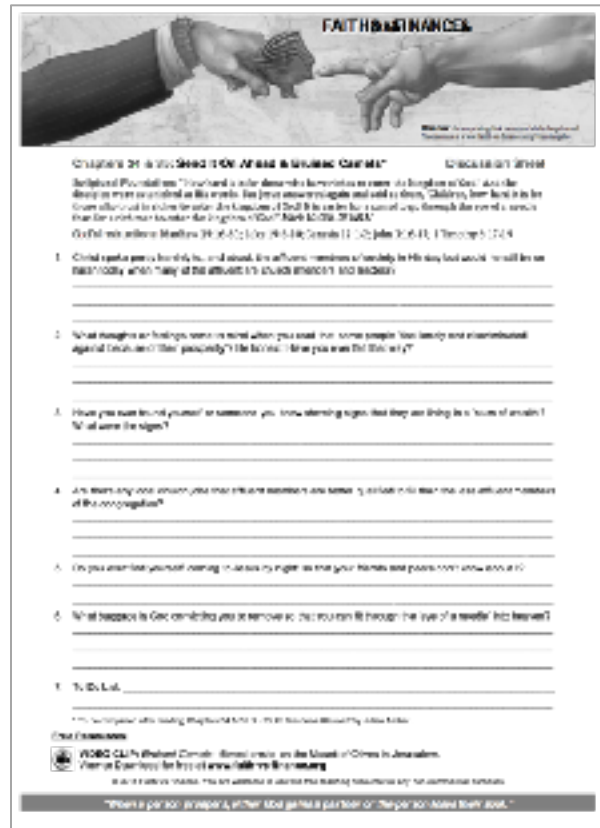
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*La fe y las finanzas*

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## ¿La ciencia afecta la espiritualidad?

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## **THE *BRUISED CAMEL*** Mark 10:25

### **“Jesus saves. I spend.”**

I recently saw this slogan on a t-shirt and it got me thinking. Was Jesus a saver or a spender? He was the epitome of generosity—a big giver, but I can’t find any references to Him being a big spender—even though He had 24/7 ATM access to the resources of the universe.

Even when He ‘showed off’ His unlimited wealth by generously creating a meal for 5,000+ people out of thin air, He still wasn’t wasteful. He asked His disciples to collect the left overs—not just the whole loaves and whole fish, but every last “fragment”. And what was His reason?

“... so that nothing is wasted.” John 6:12 (NLT)

Did you catch that? Jesus saved twelve baskets of scraps immediately after proving that He could instantaneously provide so much food that wasting twelve *thousand* baskets wouldn’t have been an issue.

How easy it is, when God has blessed us abundantly, day after day, year after year, to start to be wasteful or overspend in some areas of our lives—often without even knowing it.

We spend, spend, spend on our homes, vehicles, holidays, recreation and overall lifestyles.

Jesus saves. Shouldn’t I save too?

Blessings,  
*Julian*



	SESSION TITLE	SESSION OVERVIEW
1	<b>Skipping Stones</b>	<u>LIFESTYLE</u> : Take a walk with Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard as we study the physics of skipping stones and the 'half-life' of satisfaction. Plus a vital lesson from one of history's most successful bands, <i>The Rolling Stones</i>
2	<b>Doorstops</b>	<u>DESIRES</u> : A life-changing look at the impact our career, lifestyle and other commitments can have on our ability to open our heart's door to Jesus. Is it possible to slip into hell with our hand on the doorknob of heaven?
3	<b>Totally Nuts</b>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u> : A seriously funny look at our tendency to store up 'acorns' and build bigger 'barns'. A tough-love message for anyone with a successful business, trusts or investments.
4	<b>The Christian Atheist</b>	<u>CAREER</u> : An eye-opening look at why it's impossible for us to use our talents for God. And why Ellen White believed that, "the most earnest prayers should be solicited for those who are placed in a prosperous position."
5	<b>Left Hand Right Hand</b>	<u>GIVING</u> : Should you never 'let your left hand know what your right hand's doing'? Is it OK to let people know about someone else's generosity? How can I know what God wants me to give to, and how much to give?
6	<b>Manure in My Wallet</b>	<u>RETIREMENT</u> : What does our net worth have to be before we can retire or start to increase our time working on 'God projects'? When is enough enough? Plus a quick sniff at the manure that we all have in our wallets!
7	<b>Bruised Camels</b>	<u>THE RICH</u> : Are there any true Christians in the richest 1% of people on earth? Are you one of them? Plus a good dose of anaesthetic for anyone who feels like one of the camels that Jesus is squeezing through the eye of a needle.
8	<b>Heart Attack</b>	<u>FIRST AID</u> : The founder of Harvey Norman once said, "It's what we do when we're alive; we build and build and accumulate. ... It's a disease." Is a stiff heart attack the only hope for comfortable Christians?

# Faith vs. Finance

*Is it possible to be  
**FINANCIALLY SECURE**  
without becoming  
**SPIRITUALLY BANKRUPT?***

## **SYDNEY TOUR** (4-12 September 2015)

Uni. of Sydney (Bus. School, Inst. Lect. Thtr 2)	Fri, 4 Sept	12.00pm
Greater Sydney Conf. Office, Epping	Fri, 4 Sept	7.30pm
Wahroonga SDA Church – Part 1	Sat, 5 Sept	11.00am
Wahroonga SDA Church – Part 2	Sat, 5 Sept	3.00pm
The Lighthouse - San Souci Church Plant	Mon, 7 Sept	7.00pm
Waitara SDA Church – Part 1	Fri, 11 Sept	7.30pm
Penrith SDA Church	Sat, 12 Sept	11.00am
Waitara SDA Church – Part 2	Sat, 12 Sept	2.30pm

Presented by *Julian Archer*  
Author of *HELP! I've Been Blessed!*

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US\$750,000 = >99% of earth's adults





**"The army camp cooks  
shouldn't eat any better  
than the soldiers on the  
front line."**

*Alan Barnhart*

*CEO Barnhart Cranes & Rigging*

*Could it be true?*

**God blesses us beyond  
our needs so we can improve  
our standard of GIVING,  
not our standard of LIVING.**





"Money is like manure.  
Pile it up and it stinks.  
But spread it around and  
it does a lot of good."

*Clint Murchison Jnr*



Mark 10:17-27









“Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.”

Luke 12:33

“So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:33

“The Bible is very easy to understand.  
But we Christians are a bunch of  
scheming swindlers. We pretend to  
be unable to understand it because  
we know very well that the minute  
we understand, we are obliged to act  
accordingly.”

*Søren Kierkegaard*

*Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard,*  
(Edited by Charles E. Moore) Orbis Books, 2003.





Acts 3:1-8  
Nothing/Everything



## **Are we 'Christian Atheists'?**

Do we *believe* in God but *trust* in money?

How can we encourage ourselves and church members  
to trust more in God and less in money?



“Christians should work as **HARD** as they can,  
to earn as **MUCH** as they can,  
then spend as **LITTLE** as they can,  
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*John Wesley*



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**They are professedly serving God, but they are more earnestly serving mammon.”**

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**SEND IT ON AHEAD**





Sky Banking



**“Do not** lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

*Matthew 6:19-21*

**If this is a command from Christ,  
how can we be more obedient to it?**

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ *who is our life* appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”

*Colossians 3:1-5*



"Although I have been twice disappointed, I am not yet cast down or discouraged. . . . I have fixed my mind upon another time, and here I mean to stand until God gives me more light, and that is Today, TODAY, and TODAY, until He comes, and I see Him for whom my soul yearns."

*William Miller, The Midnight Cry, Dec. 5, 1844, pp. 179, 180.*



...his righteousness un  
...come, and sh  
...people that shall be born, th  
...he hath done *this*.

## PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

**T**HE LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
2 He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures: he leadeth  
me beside the still waters.  
3 He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake.

