

# Intersections: Christianity & Today

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## Our Stuff : Toys vs. Tools

1. At the end of the book of Job: "The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had 14,000 sheep, 6000 camels, 1000 yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys."  
Did Job have more than he could use? Did God object?

2. Multiple-choice:

A) He who dies with the most toys wins.

B) The thesis of the book *Die Broke* is that you should arrange your life so that the check to the undertaker has a good chance of bouncing.

C) Is there a third alternative?

3. Agree or disagree? EVERY SINGLE THING IS NEITHER GOOD NOR EVIL. EVERY SINGLE THING COULD BE USED FOR GOOD. EVERY SINGLE THING COULD BE USED FOR EVIL.

4. Which of these things are tools and which of these things are toys?

*Television sets, file cabinets, diamond necklaces, Cross fountain pens, a big house, a \$46,000 car.*

5. How many toys are we allowed to have?

6. What about a bottle of perfume worth ten month's wages? Shouldn't that money be used instead to help the poor?



\$23,000

7. Okay. How many toys are we really allowed to have?

8. Is money a toy or a tool?

9. Could a large wine cellar with zillions of bottles of vintage wine be anything else other than collection of toys?

10. Well, if I had ~~owned~~ **one** of these all new, totally automated bread-makers, who knows how many dates I might have had.  
your check for DAK's direct shaking and baking price of just \$279 (\$14 P&H). Order No. 4975. CA res add tax.

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11. **The big question.** As a Christian may I possess any toys as long as there are people in the world who suffer because of a lack of food, clothing, or shelter?

12. There are three classifications.

What I own..... Those are tools..... in my opinion

What my spouse owns..... Those are toys..... in my opinion

What our heirs will receive from us..... That's junk..... in their opinion

13. Did you ever consider that the more good stuff you have, the larger the group of people who will be happy when you die?

