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In some ways I have become best known for my work to articulate the god-like power of money. In the current edition of the book *A Christian view of money: celebrating God's generosity*, published by Herald Press, I wrote of seven reasons. They are stated here in an updated fashion:

1. *Money seems eternal.*
2. *Money has a greater circle of influence than you do.*
3. *Money is shrouded in mystery.*
4. *Money lives in the realm of things humans are tempted to worship.*
5. *Money mimics everything God promises in the New Jerusalem.*
6. *Money is something you wield but ultimately cannot control.*
7. *Everything can be monetized.*

A few years ago, the American Baptists asked me to write an article on an eighth reason we had uncovered while doing some

stewardship education training with pastors:

8. *Money can make you think you are God.*

And now, after some conversation with a Lutheran stockbroker I would like to add the ninth reason why money has a god-like power:

9. *Money has the power to transform your life.*

I will write about this reason in the next *Depth Perception*. For now let us be glad to have all these reasons gathered in one place. Let us also recognize how important it is to continue digging into the potency of money as it competes with the Lord of the universe.

- mark I. vincent

"Money has the power to transform your life."