

Twisted

The Root of All Evil

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For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

1 Timothy 6:10 NLT

1. How do we know if we love money?

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!

Ecclesiastes 5:10 NLT

2. The theme of 1 Timothy is godliness

- **The richest are not those who have the most, but those who need the least**
- **Discontentment makes rich people poor**
- **Contentment makes poor people rich**

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.

⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 NLT

You can't serve God and money at the same time.

Matthew 6:24 NIRV

3. Money promises what only God can provide

- Happiness
- Security
- Significance

4. Practical ways to avoid the trap of money

- Do good with your money
- Be generous
- Share with others

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

1 Timothy 6: 17-19 NLT

Next Steps:

- Spend time in prayer/meditation this week and consider my love/attachment to money
- Seek to find contentment with what I have and not in trying to get more
- Commit to use my money to do good and be generous: _____
- Sign up for the summer small group (Bible study)
- _____