

I Timothy 6

If you've been gone for 4 weeks, you've missed out on a vital subject that the Bible addresses.

That subject is money- we are on a 6 week series, today is message 4

1st- love of money -greed- our attitude toward it

2nd- giving- how much- proportionate- how much , how often- Praise, record offering

3rd- gambling and good stewardship

4th- godliness and contentment= great gain, the elements of true riches are godliness and contentment

Today we are going to look at the dangers associated with loving money

I Timothy 6:6-11

Please stand for the reading of God's Word

Loving Money

I Timothy 6:6-11

Let us pray

The dangers of loving money

When money is more important than God then money becomes an idol

And you can see we have a lot of idol worshippers in our land. Those who worship the almighty dollar

The bible says that the rich hath many friends

Paul gives a stern warning to them who make being Rich their #1 priority. Rich carries the idea of becoming wealthy

This seems to be the dominating factor in America, the bottom line

Proverbs 15:16- Better is little with fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith

Vs. 9

Fall into temptation- informational, scams of how to get rich quick

A passion after becoming wealthy, there is nothing wrong with being wealthy or getting wealthy.

But to make that your goal, your passion, your love opens a door to satan, a foothold, a handle, like opening a can of worms, your asking for trouble. Because in order to become wealthy, everything else must be on the side.

You cannot serve two masters

You cannot serve God and money

Men give up their families- to be wealthy

Lose their children Lose their mates " " principles

" " honesty integrity

Unbalanced work all the time

Labor not to be rich for if you do you have opened up yourself for the devils temptations.

Fall into temptation- one temptation is to steal Another is to gamble

Another temptation is to cheat on your taxes

Rom 13:6- this is also why you pay your taxes, for the authorities are Gods servants. Vs

7- if you owe taxes pay taxes

They tested Jesus- render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's

Jesus paid his taxes to the wicked Rom in Matt 17:24-27

Not only does it open the door for temptation, it opens the door for a snare vs 9

What is a snare? It is a trap

When you have a trap- you must bait it (mouse trap, mole trap)

Credit card trap- how did we get into this mess

A person will inadvertently be trapped

Never suspecting it, surprises them

One of the greatest baits the devil has is money

People will almost do anything for money, it's a trap you get stuck too late to find your freedom, to get out

Families will give away years of their life because of debt. Not long ago I buried a prostitute with a knife in her back. Selling herself for money

Money can ensnare you

Don't get me wrong, if the Lord has blessed you enjoy it.

But don't give up the Lord to bless yourself

Those who think they are on the fast track of success and finances, often find themselves later in life empty and unfulfilled

Vs 9. Many foolish and hurtful lusts

A fool and his money are soon parted

This love of money is really demonstrated at the funeral of a loved one.

Money also helps feed lusts, with more money comes more chances to buy lusts. A person with money can purchase things that are detrimental to his life.

Vs 10 veer from the Lord, spiritually wound themselves

Persons whose priority is getting rich are often plunged into foolishness and harmful desires.

Prov 15:27 He that is greedy for gain troubleth his own house, but he that hateth bribes shall live

Get it immediately

God has a timetable- things worked for, things earned taste sweeter and are better cared for.

Discipline and denial

First married- dirt poor -used a grill as a lampstand

-had not forks and spoons Remember the small apartment

You didn't have anything, but you were content with each other, Couldn't wait to see ya!

Sit together- scooted

You had to look hard to see there was more than one person in the car

The love of money is the root of all evil and some by longing for it have pierced themselves

Those who love money impale their own souls- conscience, unfulfilled heart, disillusionment of life.

From this root of loving money comes a tree and on this tree there are all kinds of brands- all kinds of destruction

A lot of our crime comes from the root of loving money

When you love money it becomes a root that brings forth many sorrows

He does not say having money is the root of all kinds of evil, he says loving money is the problem

You love who you serve and you serve who you obey

Many will wind up rich in money and broke in life

vs. 11

Vs. 17 rich people are people who have more money than they need- most of us are in that boat

The rich are not condemned

He says the rich need to be taught

Don't put more stock in their money than money ought to have

Rich people are people who have more money than they need.

Discretionary fund

The idea- made more- I'd give- hag wash

If you don't have a willing mind to give now, what makes you think if you get more you'd give more

(vs. 17)

#1 Pride

The more money you have the more you will have to battle pride

Don't ever view prosperity as a mark of righteousness or godliness

Jesus didn't even have a place to lay his head.

Tendency is,- the more money you have, the less you tend to do

It is difficult to be wealthy and maintain a humble spirit.

Money has a way of bringing out the worst in people

Funeral

Riches Bring

#2 Overconfidence vs. 17

Don't trust in uncertain riches A. fall

Prov. 11:28- He that trusteth in his riches shall not fall, But the righteous shall flourish

Luke 12:16

B. independent

Prov 23:5 riches have wings they can fly away

Don't trust the provision, trust the provider

Vs, 18 notice the duty, of those that are rich

Duties

1. do good

5:8 provide for our families includes parent 5:32 and 5:1 help support widows

Vs. 17 support the elders and pastors who lead us.

Rich in good works vs 18

Your money may not follow you to heaven, but Rev 14:13 says that your works will follow you to heaven. (lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven)

Vs. 18

3 be generous- God has never required less than 10%, it is more blessed to give than to receive

(cheaper rates) Prov 13:22 leave an inheritance, a good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children

4. vs. 18 share- personally More than writing a check Poor- Prov 19:17- he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord

21:13 who so stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Vs. 19 Make deposits in the heavenly book

Let us stand for the closing for closing invitation

Money can become your God

The dangers of it are more than can be numbered! Examine your life- few minutes to pray

Hymn 431

Should we invest with God's money- absolutely

In Matthew 25-5 talents, 2 talents, 1 talent but because of the love of money we invest in risky investments

There are a few key phrases or words that should help you identify this is risky Buyer Beware

#1 large profit is practically guaranteed

#2- you must decide quickly, you have to get in or be left out

#3- we are doing you a favor.