

## I Timothy 6, Sermon #2

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We come to the subject of the people and money.

As we look at this passage, the instruction is given in two portions.

In verses 9 & 10, it deals with those that will be rich

And then in verses 17-19 – charge them that are rich

We have a total of five verses on sound doctrine in regards to money

We need preaching from the Scripture on money.

I plan on doing a series in April on that very subject.

I have entitled today's sermon "The Dangers Associated with Money"

I Timothy 6:9

Let us stand for the reading of God's Word.

I Timothy 6:9-10, 17-19

Let us pray

You may be seated

## The Dangers Associated with Money

Money is a very vital and important part of life and most decisions go back to money.

In our passage, God addresses two kinds of people in respect to money.

Vs. 9 – they that will be rich – those are the people who want money

Vs. 17 – charge them that are rich – those are the people that have money

So we are going to deal with the “have nots” and the “haves”.

We are going to deal with the people who “want it” and the people that “have it”  
God speaks to both of them.

We see this word, rich means to be wealthy, to be increased with goods.

If I were to ask people if they were rich, most would say “no.”  
But according to vs. 8, most of us are way beyond that point

When God deals with those who want to be rich, the instructions are a warning.  
Everything in this passage is a WARNING.

God gives a stern warning to them who make being rich their #1 priority.

This seems to be a dominating factor in America and people use this motivation to  
make money off of people, i.e. infomercials, pyramid schemes, etc.

Proverbs 23:4 teaches us – labor not to be rich for if we do, we have opened up  
ourselves for the devil’s temptations.

Proverbs 15:16, *“Better is little with fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble  
therewith.”*

Vs. 9a – “they that will be rich”

God is speaking to people who have their heart set on this.

Honestly, how many of us at some time in our life set our heart on financial gain or a material thing?

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Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” Luke 12:34

Now look at your Bible, vs. 9. What is the first word after the word rich?

FALL!

★Anyone who is bent on being rich falls.

Everything else in verses 9 and 10 are a development of this fall.

Those who have their heart set . . . FALL

Let me ask a question this morning:

Do we have our hearts set on any material thing?

Dreaming about, desiring for, pushing for, planning for – our heart is set on this thing

This is a real temptation for young people, twenty something

God is speaking to us.

What do we fall into? – three things:

**First** – in vs. 9

Fall into temptation – that is solicitation to evil – scams of how to get rich quick

There is nothing wrong with being wealthy or getting wealthy – but to make that our goal, our passion, our love – opens a door to Satan – a foothold, a handle, like opening a can of worms – we are asking for trouble.

Because in order to become wealthy, everything else must be on the side  
We cannot serve two masters – we cannot serve God and money/mammon – Matt. 6:24

Those who desire to be rich, fall into temptation – one temptation is to steal; another is to gamble

Another temptation is to cheat on our taxes

Romans 13:6 – tells us why we pay our taxes – for the authorities are God's servants.

Vs. 7 – if we owe taxes, pay taxes

They tested Jesus about taxes and Jesus said, *“Render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's”* Matthew 22:21.

Jesus also paid his taxes to the wicked Romans in Matthew 17:24-27.

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

Those who desire to be rich FALL– into a snare – to be entrapped, to be caught

What is a snare? It is a trap.

When you have a trap, it is disguised, it is covered.

Credit card trap – how did we get into this mess?

A person will inadvertently be trapped – never suspecting it – surprises them

Payday Loans, Speedy Loans – we lend happiness at 18 locations.

One of the greatest baits the devil has is money

People will almost do anything for money **but** it's a trap – we get stuck too late to find our freedom – to get out

Families will give away years of their life because of debt – over-extended, living beyond our means.

Not long ago, I buried a prostitute with a knife in her back – selling herself for money

Some men have made gain their god/goal and therefore have no time for the family, child neglect, family neglect. Men give up their families to be wealthy.

Money can ensnare us.

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

But we don't give up the Lord to bless ourselves

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

**Third** – those that desire to be rich, FALL into lusts – thirsting/longing for that which is forbidden

1. Many lusts

2. Foolish – irrational, unwise. Shoppers trample over each other

3. Harmful – injurious – destroys and damages us. Divorce – #1 cause is money. Quarrels, arguments, and fights over money. Is there anything in life worth marital trouble – forsaking our children over?

Vs. 9 – many foolish and hurtful lusts

Money helps feed lusts – with more money, come more chances to buy lusts.

A person with money can purchase things that are detrimental to his life.

★These lusts drown men.

Drowning under the weight of the possessions they wished they had.

Vs. 10 – every kind of evil can come from a love of money.

There are many evils that come from the love of money!

Covetousness – to covet is to break one of the Ten Commandments.

What is covetousness? To long after what other people have

This will cause a person to stray from the faith/from God

There's the evil of robbing God

The idea, if I made more, I'd give more, is hog wash.

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

Vs. 10c – while people pursue money, they err from the faith – veer from the Lord, spiritually wound themselves

We are not talking about unsaved people here.

We are talking about people who are believers.

They have forsaken their faith for the love of money.

They compromise faith/truth and lose their principles, honesty, integrity, honor

They lie, cheat, and steal.

Vs. 10d – they pierce themselves through with many sorrows.

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

Proverbs 15:27, *"He that is greedy for gain troubleth his own house,*

We live in a get-it-immediately society.

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

Whatever happened to discipline and denial – material goods?

First married – dirt poor – used a grill as a lamp stand.

We could not open the stove and refrigerator at the same time.

I got a good job, \$36,000, and then I got offered a job in Kansas for \$12,000.

The love of money is the root of all evil and some, by longing for it, have pierced themselves through with many sorrows

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 we 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

Many will wind up rich in money and broke in life

Look at vs. 17 – we are a part of the most affluent, wealthy and unhappy civilization that has ever existed on earth.

What about the people who are rich?

The Bible says “charge” them – that word means to pass God’s orders along.

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

1. Teach the rich that they be not high-minded. What does that mean? Arrogant

A preacher told me he went to preach in southern city and a man picked him up at the airport, loaded his bags, unloaded his bags, got him something to eat and delivered him to the church to preach.

J. B. Hunt. (He died a couple of months ago.)

He was famous for giving out \$100 bills to those who were in need.

People often did not know he was wealthy because he as a servant of God!

Romans 12:3, *“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”*

What accompanies wealth – pride, snobs, looks down on others

With money comes pride

The more money we have, the more we 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.

The tendency is – the more money we have, the less we 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

Secondly, teach the rich not to trust in uncertain riches.

Money can take wings and fly away – Proverbs 23:5.

Don't trust in material things, but in the living God – vs. 17

Money breeds overconfidence



Don't trust in uncertain riches

Proverbs 11:28, *"He that trusteth in his riches shall fall, but the righteous shall flourish . . ."*

Luke 12:16

Money breeds independence. I am my own man.

I don't need anybody. I don't need God.

So they rest in their finances.

Wait a minute, verse 17 – I Timothy 6:17

Two things:

1. Our attention is to be on the Giver not the gift.

We are to set our heart, affections, attention on God

Don't trust the provision, trust the Provider

2. God gives us richly these things to enjoy

Enjoy that steak, not unless you have to charge it to get it

Enjoy that car, unless you are under severe financial pressure.

When God gives something to someone to enjoy, let us not be jealous or envious of other people.

How do we know if God gave us something?

First of all, it will not be sinful.

Second, did we arrange it by wrangling for it, by manipulation, by cheating, stealing, lying?

What did it cost me to get it?

What did I have to sacrifice for it?

We have things from God to richly enjoy but we must have our attention on Him.

Then He says tell the wealthy to do good – vs. 18

And in verses 18-19, he describes three ways for the wealthy to do good!

These are the duties of those that are rich

#1 – be rich in good works

Rich in good works – vs. 18

Our money may not follow us to heaven, but Revelation 14:13 says that our works will follow us to Heaven. Jesus told us to lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven.

Wealthy people like to put their names on their good deeds.

These are the things done for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Use that money for God. Do it in secret.

Be a channel of blessing for God's work and God's people in the world.

#2 – ready to distribute, vs. 18 – always looking around for a legitimate need

Be liberal

Be generous – Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Proverbs 13:22 – leave an inheritance – a good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children

#3 – willing to share, vs. 18 – this word “share” is where we get the word “fellowship” in the Bible

“Fellowship” – that word means to have things in common

Vs. 18 – share – personally – more than writing a check

Proverbs 19:17 – he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord

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

In doing these things, the wealthy are laying up in store! – vs. 19

Vs. 19 – They are making deposits in the heavenly book

Time to come – glory – heaven

Good foundation is our good works – we are laying things up

The way we lay that foundation is down here during the time God has given to us with the things He has given us.

Vs. 19 – real life – by doing, we can have real life

We are responsible for the money that God has given to us

Money can be a blessing and a cursing in life

Money can become our god

The dangers of it are more than can be numbered!

### **The Dangers Associated with Money**

Let us stand for the closing invitation

Examine our financial well-being.

Have we made money or material things our # 1 priority?

Set our affection on things above, not on things on the earth, Colossians 3:2

The Bible tells us to trust in God, not in our money,

Have you trusted God for your salvation yet?

We need to be saved from ourselves, our own sins.

God loved us and sent His Son, Jesus, who died on the cross, paying a price, blood.

This is a free gift. We can't add one dime to it.

Next Sunday is Missions Sunday – two works – special offering. Be prepared.

## Rear of Document

Paul shared four facts:

1. *Wealth does not bring contentment.* (Phil. 4:11)

True contentment comes from godliness in the heart, not wealth in the hand.

A person who depends on material things for peace and assurance will never be satisfied, for material things have a way of losing their appeal.

2. *Wealth is not lasting* (1 Tim. 6:7).

We always know the answer to the question, "How much did he leave?" *Everything!*

3. *Our basic needs are easily met* (1 Tim. 6:8).

Food and "covering" (clothing and shelter) are basic needs; if we lose them, we lose the ability to secure other things.

4. *The desire for wealth leads to sin.*

It describes a person who has to have more and more material things in order to be happy and feel successful.

But riches are a trap; they lead to bondage, not freedom.

Instead of giving satisfaction, riches create additional lusts (desires); and these must be satisfied.

The Bible says that the rich hath many friends

Lose their children Lose their mates " " principles" " honesty integrity

Unbalanced work all the time

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.

Godliness and contentment = great gain

The elements of true riches are Godliness and contentment

Contentment – satisfaction with what one has

Many of us in this room are not very content people – we are very dissatisfied

The secret of living a full and content life is Godliness and contentment

So, if you are not Godly and you lack contentment, you do not gain – even though you may be accumulating more now than you ever have  
More money does not equal contentment.

Are you riding on the stock market for your contentment?

Are you listening to the checkbook for your contentment?

Are you watching what you make an hour as a thermometer of your contentment?