



# The Root of All Evil

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

**1 Timothy 6:10a (NLT)**

## How do you know if you love money?

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income... **Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV2011)**

How much do you need... a little bit \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>6</sup>Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. <sup>7</sup>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. **1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NLT)**

- The big theme should be \_\_\_\_\_

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

**1 Timothy 6:8 (NLT)**

The \_\_\_\_\_ people are not those who have the most but those who need the \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ makes rich people poor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ makes poor people rich.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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 6:9-10 (NLT)**

Having money isn't \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ money is more dangerous than you can imagine.

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. **Matthew 6:24 (NLT)**

Money will be the \_\_\_\_\_ competitor for your heart

- The \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel
  - If I'm good enough then God has to make me rich.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ gospel
  - If you're really righteous then you're going to be poor.

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth,... **Deuteronomy 8:18a (NIV2011)**

We have to get this right if we are going to leverage what God gives us for the most impact.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

**1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV2011)**

Why do we tend to put our \_\_\_\_\_ in money?

Money isn't the answer to our deepest needs - \_\_\_\_\_ is.

<sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. **1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV2011)**

The antidote to the love of money isn't more money, it is \_\_\_\_\_.

## My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on 1 Timothy 6:6
- Recognize that I am blessed and so I commit to become more generous.
- Desire godliness with contentment so that I can have wealth that can't fade or decay.
- Stop filling the void in my life with things and pleasures, by ask Jesus to take me and save me, as I make him first in my life.