

Sunday, Sep 27

notes

¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

¹⁹storing up for themselves the treasures of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

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("Parable of the Talents" Matthew 25:14-30)

How generous do I need to be?

So how should we view money?

Reject performative godliness as a form of manipulation. (v.5)

Choose contentment in Jesus over attachment to money. (v.6)

Remember God is the owner and we are the stewards. (v.17)

Understand money is a tool for eternal impact. (v.18-19)

GROUP DISCUSSION

Does the Bible Actually Say?

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth

1 Timothy 6:3-10; 17-19, September 24th & 27th, 2026

Money is the root of all evil.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: If you could become an expert at one skill, what would it be?

Read Aloud: 1 Timothy 6:3-10; 17-19

1. What is the difference between using God to get what we want and genuinely following God regardless of what He gives us? Verse 6 says, "godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment." Why do you think Paul connects godliness and contentment? How does contentment protect us from the temptations Paul describes in verses 9-10?
2. Money itself isn't condemned in this passage. What does Paul actually warn us about? How can money become something more than a tool? What are some signs that a person has moved from possessing money to being possessed by money?
3. Growing up, what were you taught about God's view of money? If God owns everything, and I am the steward. How do I invite God into my budgetary decisions?
4. Which one describes your view of money the best, and why?

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