#### OUTLINE

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1 Timothy 4:7-8 (NASB) <sup>7</sup> But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; <sup>8</sup> for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

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THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN

Job 1:21 (NASB) <sup>21</sup> He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD."

Ecclesiastes 5:15 (NASB) <sup>15</sup> As he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.

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THE PERSON

Philippians 4:11-13 (NASB) <sup>11</sup> Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. <sup>12</sup> I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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1 Timothy 6:10 (NASB) <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NASB) <sup>5</sup> Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," <sup>6</sup> so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

Luke 8:14 (NASB) <sup>14</sup> "The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

Colossians 3:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup> Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

Ephesians 5:5 (NASB) <sup>5</sup> For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

1 John 2:15-17 (NASB) <sup>15</sup> Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

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Luke 18:18-30

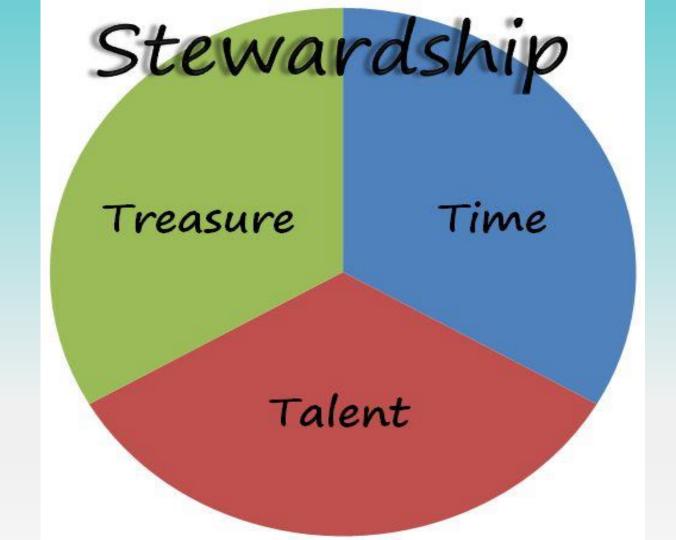
Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB) <sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Conclusion:



# Our Money Part I

1 Timothy 6:6-12,17-19 (NASB)



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#### **QUESTIONS**

#### Contentment

- 1. What is the 'great gain' in 'godliness with contentment' in 1 Timothy 6:6?
- 2. How do you distinguish between needs and wants? you regularly consider this difference when shopping or considering buying something? Do you pray over your expenditures?
- 3. When and where do you tend to be discontent?
  Is contentment something that you see evidenced in your life? What are evidences of someone who is not content? What are signs of someone who is content?

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#### Greed

- 4. What is dangerous about wanting to be rich (see 1 Timothy 6:9-10)? How do you think the desire for wealth could cause you to 'fall into temptation and a trap"?
- 5. When have you struggled most financially? When have you been tempted to be 'a lover of money'?
- 6. How can one distinguish when saving up for your kids college or your retirement is godly and sufficient and when is providing for your kids and your retirement hoarding and self-centered? What are the definitive guidelines for this?

#### Faith

- 7. If the Christian life is like a good fight (1 Timothy 6:12), how ae you doing: Still in training? Bobbing and weaving? Winded? Other?
- 8. What are your biggest worries about money? What are your greatest fears when it comes to money?
- 9. How do you build your faith in God and His promises personally to overcome worries and fears?
- 10. Who do you know who has great faith in trusting God for their daily bread and needs?

#### Generous

- 11. What is Paul saying to people who have plenty of money, particularly in 1 Timothy 6:17-19?
- 12. What does God want us to share with those in need? How does that keep us from the "love of money" and "greed"?
- 13. Who do you know that exhibits a generous spirit? What does it look like in their life?

#### Eternal

- 14. Why is having an eternal perspective on material possessions and money so difficult?
- 15. How can we develop an eternal view of handling our money and laying up "treasures" in heaven?

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