

Your money or your life! - 1 Timothy 6:3-10

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Introduction

> “Money makes the world go round.” But what about love of money and possessions?

The method and motive of false teachers (verses 3-5)

What Paul's said previously – 1:3-7, 4:1-5

> Not focused on the biblical teaching of Christ about Christ (v3)

Jesus, the Word *gave us* The Bible *which is* Focused on Jesus



One example of false teaching today – Focusing on “lived experience” of Christ - “be yourself.”

> Their method: Pride, quarrelling, division (verse 4)

> Their motive: Financial gain (verse 5)

The means of the good life (verses 6-8)

> “godliness” - see 3:16, 4:8

Starting point – the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

> “contentment” - inner attitude of peace and stability, not destroyed by the circumstances of life.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

> How do we have this attitude?

Verse 7 – Focus on eternity. See also Matthew 6:19-20

Verse 8 – Matthew 6:25. Our heavenly Father knows what we need and will provide for us.

Deep vibrant relationship with the Father and Jesus our brother and provider, through the Spirit. Thus living out our purpose – To glorify God and enjoy him forever. (John 17:3).

The madness of pursuing money (verses 9-10)

> The desire: To get rich / love of money

> Not talking about being rich as bad, or being poor as good – Proverbs 30:8.

> Consequences – A trap; destruction.

Examples in the present time

Ultimately – consequences for relationship with God / eternity (Psalm 73:16-17; Mark 8:36; Matthew 6:24; Matthew 13:22)

Application

> What's our attitude to money and possessions?

> Let us pursue godliness with contentment

Taking it further

Sermons on Matthew 6 - 28th Feb to 13th March 2016 - at www.anlabychurches.org.uk click on Resources / Listen again

Meaning of verse 10 - <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/is-love-of-money-really-the-root-of-all-evils>

Dangers of materialism -

<https://www.epm.org/blog/2019/Dec/13/ten-ways-materialism-ruin>