

SERIES: LIFE, MONEY, HOPE. #1

1 Timothy 6:9(NIV) ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into **temptation** and a **trap** and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into **ruin** and **destruction**.

1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ For the love of money is a **root** of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have **wandered from the faith** and **pierced themselves** with many griefs.

Luke 12:34 (NIV) For where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.

A. EARNING.

B. SPENDING.

C. SAVING.

D. INVESTING. It gets fun!

E. GIVING.

Haggai 1:5-7 (NIV) ⁵ Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “**Give careful thought to your ways.**” ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a **purse with holes in it.**”
⁷ This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.

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1 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV) Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made **foolish** the wisdom of the world?

1. CALLING OR COMPENSATION.

WE DON'T JUST NEED MONEY TO LIVE ON. WE NEED SOMETHING TO LIVE FOR.

Acts 20:24 (NIV) However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to **finish the race and complete the task** the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

2. COMMITMENT OR CONSUMERISM.

Luke 12:15 (TLB) Beware! Don't always be wishing for what you **don't have**. For real life and real living are not related to how rich we are."

Philippians 4:12 (NIV) I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned **the secret** of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

CONTENTMENT IS NOT THE FULFILLMENT OF WHAT YOU WANT BUT THE REALIZATION OF WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE.

3. GOD DEPENDANT OR INDEPENDENT.

Proverbs 18:11 (NIV) The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they **imagine** it a wall too high to scale.

Proverbs 30:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.⁹ Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

4. GENEROSITY OR MISERY.

Acts 20:35 (NIV) In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: **'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'** ”

The value of my life is not determined by how much I achieve or accumulate but by how much of my life I give away.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV)¹⁸ Command them to **do good**, to be rich in **good deeds**, and to be **generous** and **willing to share**.¹⁹ 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.