

GIVING MONEY ITS PROPER PLACE

No Love

I. There are two major areas where money must never get place: YOUR LOVE, YOUR TRUST-1 Timothy 6:10-18

- A. It's our relationship with money and the place we give it that God is interested in
- B. He never said don't have, it said that which you have enjoy, be ready to distribute willing to communicate
- C. Loving and trusting in money will keep you from sowing your best, only, and all; it will keep God from your treasure and it'll keep you from His

II. Money never gets the place my love

- A. If money has the place of your love it has been improperly placed
 - 1. Matthew 22:36, Luke 6:30-Your love is reserved for God and people
 - 2. 1 John 2:15-It didn't say don't have thing, it said don't love them
 - a. That's perverse when you love things more than God and people
 - 3. Proverbs 21:17-When you give money and the things the place of your love it puts **a law into motion** that will work to keep you from being rich; that law will work until you relinquish that love and get it in it's proper place
 - a. You don't get rich by attaching yourself to money, you get rich by be willing to let go and sow

III. Do you love money? Another area where people are in self-deception

- A. What do you give to it? – John 3:16
 - 1. What are you giving to money that you're not giving to God?
 - 2. Love always has giving with it; energy, time, effort, promptness
 - 3. EX: Your job gets 40 hours a week, but you can't give God 4 hour
- B. Have you chosen it or preferred it? – Matthew 6:24
 - 1. God wanted one thing, but money wanted another and you chose it
 - 2. It's gotten this bad; we don't even bother to ask God and just assume that the most money must be right
- C. Have you made it primary in your life and in turn express yourself by implicit obedience to its commands? – John 14:15
 - 1. Will it move in areas where God can't seem to move you?
 - 2. EX: You wouldn't stay in faith b/c the Word says to, but you'll worry because money says to
 - 3. EX: You wouldn't come done church because the man God called and sent to be your Pastor is having a service for your spiritual growth and edification, but you would have came for \$1000
 - 4. Are you most interested in it?

- D. Do you disregard your feelings in favor of it? – Matthew 6:24-Serve
 - 1. You go to work disregarding your feelings; do you ever disregard your feelings and do what God wants
- E. Are you attached to it, committed to it, and holding fast to it? – Matthew 6:24
 - 1. Are you unwilling to abandon it or let go it?
 - 2. That which you don't love you'll be willing to let go of

IV. Mark 10:25-Jesus is showing this guy what place money and things have in his life

- A. The rich young ruler
 - 1. You can tell by his running and kneeling that something's missing in his life and he desperately wants to obtain this
 - 2. The way this question is worded in the KJ makes you think his question only concerning the other side of eternity
- B. The lawyer with the same question-Luke10:25
 - 1. The answer to this question is to Keep the commandment of love
 - 2. The question is the same but the motive is different
- C. The one he lacked was this commandment of love; it wasn't one thing he lacked it was one commandment he lacked
 - 1. Jesus gives this guy little to know time, while the rich young ruler he takes the time to specifically show him where his violating this commandment
 - a. If the rich young ruler was keeping the commandment of love, he'd have it and not be asking for it; so clearly he's missing it somewhere where this commandment of love is concerned
 - 2. Love God with all your strength-Deut 6:5-might-Resources, Abundance
 - a. He didn't love God with all of his strength-resources or stuff
 - b. He loved his money and possessions more than he loved God; he **held** to his stuff and **despised** Jesus; he **preferred** one to the other; Because he held to it and preferred it we know he loved it
- D. Love and Grief
 - 1. Grief is associated with the loss of what you love
 - a. You don't grieve over the death of someone you didn't know because you don't have a relationship of love with them
 - 1) If he didn't love his stuff there would be no grief about losing it
 - b. He's grieving because what he wants is going to cost him what he loves the most; The thought of losing his possessions cause him grief
 - 2. Grief comes when you think you're losing something
 - a. He thought he was losing it and would never see it again
 - 3. Through his love for money he put a law into motion that's working to keep him from being rich

- a. He's not even rich in finances and things because to truly be rich in money and things you have it, it doesn't have you
- E. If he would have proved to Jesus that he loved Him more than this money & stuff; He'd of been 100x richer than he ever was
1. B/C money was ahead of Jesus & out of place he wasn't qualified to handle the 100 fold
 2. If he'd been willing to put Jesus ahead of all his money and possessions it would have proven him qualified to handle 100 times more
 3. The person who's willing to leave everything for God is the one who can handle the hundred fold; the hundredfold is only for those who God has 100% of