

## GIVING MONEY ITS PROPER PLACE

### No Trust

#### 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 trust (Mark 10:24)

- A. Mark 4:19-The deceitfulness of riches-Tendency to mislead or deceive, to lead a person to believe what is false
  - 1. The deceitfulness of riches is riches trying to get you to believe that they for you what only God can do; It's riches trying to get you to believe that they can provide you with security and fulfillment
    - a. It's deceitful because it looks like they can provide those, but they can't
    - b. If you believe the deceitfulness of riches you'll be in **materialism** in the truest sense of the word; Believing that having a material possession or money can do something for you that only God can do
    - c. You're trusting/relying on money to do God's job and it is out of its place
- B. People lean on, trust in, and rely on riches for **security** and **fulfillment**
  - 1. Riches are uncertain (1 Timothy 6:17)
    - a. 1 Tim 6:17-Don't trust in uncertain riches; trust in a certain God
      - 1) God who is certain will richly give you all things
    - b. I don't feel secure because I have or don't have money; I feel secure because I have God and His Word
    - c. To not trust money is 2 be able 2 feel secure independent of the money u have
  - 2. Fulfillment doesn't come from riches, money, and possessions; it's comes from doing what the Master says (John 4:34)
- C. Who's got your trust? To whom do you lean?

#### III. If money has you're the place of your trust then it's not in its proper place

- A. John 14:1-God is supposed to have the place of your trust
  - 1. I rest with a satisfied mind undisturbed by doubt because I have God and trust Him; not because I have money and trust it
- B. Psalm 52:1-9-It's not having riches that's bad; it's trusting in them that is

1. 7-This guy didn't make God his place of safety, protection, and refuge
  - a. He felt safe and secure and care-free because of his riches
2. 8-The leaf of the olive of tree stays green & moist throughout the year; it never withers
3. 8-We trust(confidence in, secure, feel safe, care-free)in the covenant love of God
  - a. A blood covenant was used by God to come down to the level of man and show him the seriousness and unchangeableness of the agreement that was being made; blood is serious and has a distinct smell, you don't forget blood
    - 1) Today he'd write up a contract and leave himself no way out
  - b. 1. Animals were split open and their blood was poured out so that this agreement would be made standing in blood 2. Exchange coats: who I am and what I am 3. Exchange belt of weapons: "I'm giving you my strength. Your enemies are mine. Even if I die, I'll stand with you and lend you my sword." 4. Walk of Blood: "Even as this animal has died, I will stand with you even in the midst of death. Standing in blood I make promises that I'll never break." 5. Promises made 6.Swear to the greater 7. Flesh Cut 8. Hand is lifted: "I'll keep the terms of this covenant so help me God." 9. Seal/Scar of the covenant 10. Name change 11. Covenant Friends 12. Meal: "Take me-all that I am. Eat of me I'm yours. Drink my life's blood as I drink yours. I see you fulfilling the terms of the covenant as I fulfill your life. This is the blood of my life. Drink my life.
  - c. Because he stood in blood and swore by Himself that's why I trust, have confidence and feel safe and secure (Is 54:10, Heb 6:11-12)

C. Proverbs 11:28-Failure is inevitable when you trust in (uncertain) riches

1. The reason is because trusting in them will keep you from obeying God with them and apart from that you cannot succeed
2. If you're not leaning on money and things, they could be taken out from under you and it not affect you because you're not leaning on them
3. Trusting in money will keep you from sowing your best, only, and last

IV. **Mark 10:23-24-It said it's hard for those who trust in riches to enter into the Kingdom of God**; it didn't say those who **have** riches **can't** enter into the Kingdom of God

A. It's hard to enter into God's way when your trust is in your riches and not in Him

1. 23-It's hard for those who hold to, cling to, & who are joined to riches 2 enter KOG
2. 24-It's hard for those who have confidence in riches to enter the KOG

B. Money wasn't his problem, it was the wrong relationship with money that was his problem; He was too **attached** to it

1. A major part of not trusting in your stuff is being willing to **let go** of it
2. 28-We have **left all**-we let go of it no longer looking to it to do for us what only you can do

- C. I can let you go because: 1) I don't trust in you or rely on you 2) I don't get my security from you 3) I don't get my fulfillment from you 4) I know I'll see you again, but you'll be a 100x greater
- D. The eye of a needle
1. You had to unload your camel that was packed with all your stuff and **let go** of it and put it in someone else's hands and then take the camel through and **trust** that they'd give you your stuff back
  2. When you come into God's way of doing things you got to put all that you have in the hands of God (that doesn't mean that you have to get rid of it, it just means you have to make it available to him by offering it to him) and trust that when you enter into His way of doing things whatever He requires of you He'll load you back up again hundredfold
- E. There's a principle here: People who trust in money are not qualified for more of it because of their unwillingness to let go of it
1. This rich young ruler was on the verge of being richer than he ever had before and if he would have just relinquished his trust in money and put it Jesus he would have saw much more of it
  2. Ezekiel 16:4-28