"Money, Money, Moneeeey"

The trouble with money

1 Tim 6:10 (misquote) "money is a root of all kinds of evil."

1Tim 6:6-10 "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 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. 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."

Heb 13:5 "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

1Tim 3:1-4 "Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach, *faithful to his wife*, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect."

Note: KJV "*the husband of one wife*"

Mt 6:24 (and Mk16:13) "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Lk 16:14 "The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus." [Remember these are the people who condemned Jesus to death.]

Jn 12:6, 13 :27 "He [Judas] did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. … As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, 'What you are about to do, do quickly.'" [Then Judas went out and betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins. A point here: smaller sins can lead to bigger and bigger sins.]

OT – a tithe, 10% was given to the priests since they were not allowed to own land, God was their inheritance in the promised land. They were not to charge interest to their fellow Israelites.

How to handle money:

1) Right attitude: Money is not something I love or something I hate. I consider money a tool for living.

2) Save:

   Pro 13:11 "Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow."

   Pro 13:22 "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous."

3) Take care of your family:

   1 Tim 5:8 "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." [You are not supposed to give to the point that your own family goes without necessities.]

4) Give to the church and others:

   Mk 12:41-44 "Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.'"

1 Co 16:2 "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.""

NOTE: You can't out give Jesus!

The true treasure and inheritance:

1 Pe 1:3-5 " Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time."

Luke 12:33-34 "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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