



Rock Point Church
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Myth | Money is the root of all evil...

BIG IDEA | It's not the money, it's the motive.

- It's not money, it's the love of money.

1 Timothy 6:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

"Love of money"

(Greek) Philargyria: An obsessive craving.

- It's not money, it's the love of money.
- Loving money warps our perspective and wrecks our lives.

1 Timothy 6:9 (NLT)

⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

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- Loving money warps our perspective and wrecks our lives.
- Godly contentment is greater than worldly riches.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

“He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only.” - C.S. Lewis

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- Loving money warps our perspective and wrecks our lives.
- Godly contentment is greater than worldly riches.
- Use money as a tool, not a trophy.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

“Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” - John Wesley

“The real measure of your wealth is how much you’d be worth if you lost all your money.” - John Henry Jowett

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What messages have you heard (from culture, media, or even church) about money-and how have those shaped your view of wealth?
2. Why do you think the Bible emphasizes the love of money-not money itself-as the root of evil? What are some signs that money is owning your heart, not serving your life?
3. How does misplaced trust in money affect our spiritual lives, relationships, or mental health? Do you relate to the stat that 62% of Americans worry about money daily?
4. How does the desire to get rich "trap" people spiritually, emotionally, or relationally? Can you think of a time when money caused you or someone else to make a regrettable decision?
5. What does godly contentment look like in a culture driven by comparison and consumerism? How can you pursue contentment practically-this week?
6. What does it look like in your life to practice daily devotion to God and find inner sufficiency, even when your financial or material circumstances are uncertain? How can budgeting with both margin and mission help you live this out practically?

7. C.S. Lewis said, "He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only." How does that challenge the way you define "enough"?
8. What's the difference between using money as a tool versus treating it like a trophy? What helps you shift from ownership to stewardship?
9. Are you currently chasing money-or are you using it to chase the things of God? What's one step you can take to reflect Jesus in how you manage money?