

Urban Legends

“Money is the root of all evil”

BIG IDEA: Money is *not* the root of all evil but the *love* of money is a root of *all kinds* of evil (1 Timothy 6:10)...so gain contentment and generosity and experience “the life that is truly life.”

I. **Gain: I want contentment** (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

Contentment = “An inner sufficiency that keeps us at peace in spite of outward circumstances.”

II. **Greed: I want money** (1 Timothy 6:9-10)

Verse 9:

Desire for riches causes people to:

1. *Fall into temptation* –
2. *Fall into a trap* –
3. *Fall into foolish and harmful desires that plunge one into ruin and destruction* –

Hmmm...maybe the desire isn't wrong/sinful – the verse does not say it is – but the verse says the *desire* to get rich leads to temptation. So, maybe Paul is saying, “You can desire it, but just know that you desire a dangerous dangerous thing.” Can you handle it??

Verse 10:

The love of money, however, is avarice/greed and that is not only a sin, but a sin that leads to more and more sin.

III. **Giving: I want “Life that is truly life”** (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

2 Commands:

Command #1 has 2 cautions:

1. Arrogance
2. Hope in wealth

Command #2 has 2 investment strategies:

1. Hope in God
2. Generosity

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose” - Jim Elliot