

WEEK 1: Money

The Jesus Way

Lean In

In April of this year, a winning ticket worth \$95 million was sold in Colleyville for the Texas Lotto. If you were the winner, how would you choose to use it?

Look Down

...and these people constantly bicker because they are depraved in their minds and bereft of the truth. They think somehow that godliness is the way to get ahead. This is ironic because godliness, along with contentment, does put us ahead but not in the ways some imagine. You see we came into this world with nothing, and nothing is going with us on the way out! So as long as we are clothed and fed, we should be happy. But those who chase riches are constantly falling into temptation and snares. They are regularly caught by their own stupid and harmful desires, dragged down and pulled under into ruin and destruction. For the love of money—and what it can buy—is the root of all sorts of evil. Some already have wandered away from the true faith because they craved what it had to offer; but when reaching for the prize, they found their hands and hearts pierced with many sorrows.

Here's what you say to those wealthy in regard to this age: "Don't become high and mighty or place all your hope on a gamble for riches; instead, fix your hope on God, the One who richly provides everything for our enjoyment." Tell them to use their wealth for good things; be rich in good works! If they are willing to give generously and share everything, then they will send ahead a great treasure for themselves and build their futures on a solid foundation. As a result, they will surely take hold of eternal life.

(1 Timothy 6:5-10 & 17-19, The Voice)

Compare the differences between the greedy and the generous in the verses above.

- What are they chasing or fixed on?
- What is the result of their love/obsession?

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Look Out

- Who is the most joyful person you know?
- How content and generous is the person you just named?
- How do you see the correlation between that person's joy and contentment/generosity play out on a regular basis?

Look In

- Who or what have you spent the most money on in the past week? The past month? The past year?
- *"The sin is not in having it, the sin is in loving it. The sin is not using it, the sin is in misusing it."*
How might you shift how you use these things?
- What in your life is better than money?