

Money, Money, Money – Part 1

I Timothy 6:6-10

People everywhere are full of questions about money.

I. What About Money – *People basically have one or the other of these views...*

A. **Money As Master** = cases when it is... you have =

1. International conflicts, marital problems, crime involvement...
2. **V.9** – Moral corruption, "...which drown men (*helplessly submerged*) in destruction (*prolonged death and punishment*) and perdition (*eternal spiritual loss*)."
 - a. Example: A rich ruler came to Jesus and asked how to inherit Eternal Life... **Luke 18:22-25**

B. **Money As Means** = cases when it is... a person is practicing the principle of = **Luke 12:15**, "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." These are attitudes of these folks... and how they view money...

1. Useful as means of exchange – necessary to live, nice to have but still happy if not
2. Useful as means of storing wealth – retirement, rainy days
3. Useful as means of displaying their heart = the poor widow with two mites = SEE **Mark 12:41-44**

II. What About Acquiring Money

A. **Attitudes Toward Wealth** – basically 3 ways of, "How to become wealthy..."

1. Communist attitude – wealth belongs to state
2. Capitalist attitude – wealth belongs to individual
3. Christian attitude – wealth belongs to the Lord, we are stewards of God's wealth while we are on this earth: **Psalm 24:1** "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."