



Part 3: THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

1 Tim 6:6-10, 17-19

Key Points :

In 1 Timothy 6:10, we learn that the root of all is evil is not money but rather the love of money!

We can avoid falling into this trap through:

1. **Contentment** - Our approach to money is determined by our perception of what is enough. In simple terms, the balance between greed and need (cf. Eccl. 5:10).
2. **Generosity** - We can guard against the love of money by having a generous spirit (cf. 1 Tim. 6:18).
3. **Faith** and **trust** in God - Our faith, trust and hope must be in Jesus Christ and not in perishable and finite possessions (cf. 1 Tim. 6:17).

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. What is one of the weirdest things you have ever bought?
2. Should we be striving to be rich? In answering this, reflect on Jesus saying that "It is hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 19:23) and Paul saying that "The love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Tim. 6:9-10).
3. While reflecting on these teachings, how do we ensure that we are making adequate provision for our families and ourselves so that we do not become a burden on society later?
4. Jesus is guarding our hearts and minds with His teaching on money and calls us to "Seek first the Kingdom of God" (Matt. 6:33). What does this really mean?
5. As individuals and as a church, how can we be good stewards of what God has blessed us with? What should our practical approach be to teaching about money and the use of church finances?