

# dollars & sense

practical help in  
managing your money

## Part 4 – Guilt Free Spending: How to Better Enjoy Our Money I Timothy 6:17

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### I. WHAT MONEY CANNOT DO.

#### A. Money cannot buy **lasting** happiness.

1. If more money could give us **lasting** happiness, then the wealthiest people would be the happiest people and that's not true.
2. *1 Timothy 6:9-10 “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. <sup>10</sup> For the **love** of money is at the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, **craving** money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.”*

#### B. Money cannot give me **genuine** significance.

1. *Luke 12:15 "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

2. Our net worth and our **self**-worth have nothing to do with each other.

C. Money cannot provide **ultimate** security.

*Proverbs 23:5 "Money can be gone in a flash as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle."*

D. Money makes a poor **god**.

## II. THERE ARE STRINGS ATTACHED TO MONEY.

A. More money can bring more **expenses**.

*Ecclesiastes 5:11 "The more money you have, the more money you spend, right up to the limits of your income."*

B. More money can bring more **worries**.

*Ecclesiastes 5:10 "A working man . . . can get a good night's sleep. But the rich man has so much that he stays awake **worrying**."*

C. More money can bring more **worry**.

*Ecclesiastes 5:14,17 "Risky investments turn sour, and soon there's nothing left. It is all swept away. The rest of his life he's under a cloud; gloomy, discouraged, frustrated, and angry."*

D. Money is a **test**.

*Luke 16:11 "If you are untrustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" (Jesus)*

## III. HOW TO RESPOND TO MONEY IN A POSITIVE AND BENEFICIAL WAY.

A. Be **grateful** for what I already have.

1. *Deuteronomy 8:18 "Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth."*

2. Everything we have is a **gift** from a merciful and loving God.

B. Be **content** with what I have.

1. *Philippians 4:11-12 says, "...I have **learned** to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have **learned** the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."*
2. Happiness isn't getting whatever you want. Happiness is **enjoying** whatever you have.
3. *I Timothy 6:17 "God created everything in the world for our **enjoyment**."*
4. *Ecclesiastes 6:9 "It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else."*
5. Contentment is saying, "I'm happy with what I **already** have."

C. Be **generous** with people in need.

1. *Ephesians 4:28 "He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to **share** with those in need."*
2. *1 John 3:17-18 "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."*

D. Use your money to leave a **legacy**.

*I Timothy 6:17-19 "Tell those who are rich not to trust in their money which will soon be gone. <sup>18</sup> Tell them to use their money to **do good**, to give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. <sup>19</sup> By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven. It is the only safe investment for eternity."*

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