

“The Generational Sin of **the Love of Money**” (Part 1)
1 Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 12:13-21

“Keep your life **free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’**” (Hebrews 13:5; cf. Philippians 4:11-13)

“And He said to them, **‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’**” (Luke 12:15)

“The foundation of contentment is having, loving, and valuing Christ, not money.”

- **The Biblical Worldview on Money:**

- “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- “Our righteousness is connected to our generosity.” (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)
- “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)
- “Salvation turns thieves into those who give.” (Ephesians 4:28)
- “Generosity is a grace from God.” (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)
- “It is a joy and a privilege to give to the work of God.” (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)
- “We cannot serve God and money.” (Matthew 6:24)
 - *People do not decide what is valuable or a need or what is worth our time, God does.*

- **Is money dangerous?**

- “It is hard for a rich person to be saved.” (Matthew 19:23-24)
- “Money (possessions) cannot satisfy.” (Ecclesiastes 5:10)
- “Those who desire to be rich...plunge into ruin and destruction.”
- “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.”
- “Through the love of money some have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”

- **1 Timothy 6:6-12:**

- The pursuit of godliness will cost me the pursuit of worldliness.
- Being godly may cost me greatly in this world.
- Pursuing the things of this world has no eternal value.
- Pursuing the things of this world destroys people spiritually and ultimately can lead to Hell.
- We flee from pursuing worldliness and pursue Christlikeness.
- It is a fight to take hold of eternal life and let go of this world.

- **What does it mean to be content?**

- **Contentment** is the belief that Christ is sufficient for my circumstances and that what I need is defined by God, not culture, my feelings, or others (Philippians 4:11-13).

Worship: Tis So Sweet — Various Artists

What a Friend We Have in Jesus — Various Artists

Glorious Christ — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: My Worth is Not in What I Own — The Gettys

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 6:30p & 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April, we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to facilitate the advancement of indigenous missionaries throughout the world. Their strategy consists of four primary components: financial support, theological training, Scripture and literature distribution, and the supply of any tool necessary to facilitate the completion of the Great Commission. There is a container on the back table for monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo and make a note that it is for HeartCry. **NEXT Sunday is the last day we will be collecting monetary donations for HeartCry.**

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be TONIGHT from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a church member, we will be offering a two week New Members Class on Sunday, May 19th, and Sunday, May 26th, from 9-10am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in taking the New Members Class. If you have any questions, please see Elder Zach.