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Intro: The Bible is full of warnings about loving money, i.e. Mt 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Believers need to have a biblical view of money. **First**, it is not wrong to have money, even a great deal of it; 1Sa 2:7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. There were many Rich people used of God in the OT, Abraham, Job, and Solomon. **Second**, we need to recognize that money is a gift from God - Moses reminded Israel of this in Deut 8:11-18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. **Third**, we must be ready to part with our money if God so requires - Mt 19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"; Job 1:21 The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away. **Fourth**, the rich must not be given preferential treatment - Jas 2:1-10. **Fifth**, the rich must not be proud, nor seek security in their money - 1 Tim 6:17; Pro 11:28 He who trusts in his riches will fall. **Sixth**, believers must never make getting rich the goal of their life - Mt 6:33. **Seventh**, money should be used for eternal purposes - Lu 16:9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. **Lastly**, money must not be loved, selfishly hoarded, or indulgently spent - Pr 11:24 There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. 25 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself. Jesus says the same thing in Lu 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Paul said in 2Co 9:6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

The principle that is usually misquoted is found in vs 10, For the love of money is the root of all evil. It is the Love of Money, not money that is the root of all evil. The love of money has several danger signs. First, those who love money are more concerned with making it than honesty or giving a quality job to get it. Second, they never have enough - Pro 30:15. Third, they tend to flaunt it through the things they buy. Fourth, they resent giving it, because they want to spend it on themselves. Fifth, they will often sin to get it, cheating on their taxes, padding their expense account, or stealing from work.

The false teachers that Paul spoke of in the previous passage had a inordinate love for money which is why he speaks on the subject at this time.

## XXII. The Danger of Loving Money

### A. The Nature of Money Loving - vs 6-8

#### 1. Loving Money Ignores the True Gain - vs 6

##### a. But

i. could be translated "indeed"

- ii. A response to vs 5
  - b. godliness
    - i. **eusebeia** - piety; reverence--godliness, holiness, likeness to God.
    - ii. Describes true holiness, spirituality, or virtue
    - iii. When accompanied with contentment
      - i. **autarkeia** - self-satisfaction, contentedness, a competence:-- contentment, sufficiency.
      - ii. Comes from God - 2Co 3:5; 9:8
      - iii. Paul speaks of learning contentment
        - Phil 4:11-13
        - based on confidence in God - vs 19
      - iv. True godliness produces contentment
2. Loving Money Focuses on the Temporal - vs 7
  - a. For we brought nothing into this world
    - i. nothing is first in the sentence for emphasis
    - ii. Job 1:21 "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there.
    - iii. Ec 5:15 As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand.
  - b. it is certain we can carry nothing out.
    - i. Chasing or loving money is
      - spending time pursuing what is locked here in time and space
      - Pr 27:24 For riches are not forever,
      - is ignoring things that have eternal value - Mr 8:36 "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?
    - ii. Jesus said in Mt 6:19-20 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.
    - iii. Lu 12:15-21
3. Loving Money Obscures the Simplicity of Life - vs 8
  - a. Where money and things increase, so does the complexity of life
    - i. Ec 5:11 When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see them with their eyes?
    - ii. Ownership means maintenance
  - b. having food and raiment - the basic necessities of life
  - c. let us be therewith content.-- Mt 6:24-33
    - i. being content with the simple life means you accept what God provides and avoids covetousness
    - ii. Being content comes when
      - you realize that God owns everything, we are merely stewards, therefore all purchases are made with kingdom thinking in mind
      - you are thankful realizing that you are owed nothing
      - you understand the difference between wants and needs
      - you have learned to spend less than you make
      - you give sacrificially to the Lord

- d. This does not mean you can't have money or things
  - i. A vow of poverty is not required nor will it make one holier
  - ii. What is condemned is a self-indulgent desire rising from discontent

## B. The Effect of Money Love - vs 9

### 1. Loving Money Results in Sinful Entrapment - vs 9a

- a. they that will be rich
  - i. **boulomai** - to "will," be willing:--be disposed, minded, intend, list, (be, of own) will (-ing).
  - ii. Refers to settled desire born of reason not emotion
  - iii. Describes those that are greedy
- b. fall into temptation and a snare,
  - i. **empipto** - to fall on, to be entrapped by, or be overwhelmed with:--fall among (into).
  - ii. They are entrapped by a consuming drive for more

### 2. Loving Money Results in Succumbing to Harmful Desires - vs 9b

- a. loving money leads to the trap of sin
- b. many foolish and hurtful lusts,
  - i. **epithumia** - a longing (especially for what is forbidden):--concupiscence, desire, lust (after).
  - ii. They are foolish b/c they are irrational
  - iii. When they are thwarted, they get angry - Jas 4:1-2

### 3. Loving Money Results in Eternal Judgment - vs 9c

- a. which drown men
  - i. **buthizo** - to sink; to drown:--begin to sink, drown.
  - ii. Describes being dragged to the bottom
- b. in destruction and perdition.
  - i. **olethros** - ruin, death, punishment:--destruction.
    - Often used of the body,
    - can have a more general meaning - 1 Th 5:3
  - ii. **Apoleia** - ruin or loss (physical, spiritual or eternal):--damnable(-nation), destruction, die, perdition, perish, pernicious ways, waste.
    - usually refers to eternal ruin of the soul
    - Ro 9:22; 2 Th 2:3; Heb 10:39; Rev 17:8
- c. All the term together show a total devastation of both body and soul
  - i. Achan - Josh 7:1-26
  - ii. Judas - Mt 27:3-5
  - iii. Simon - Acts 8:20-13
- d. All their riches will not deliver them on the day of wrath
  - i. Zep 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the LORD'S wrath;
  - ii. Jas 5:1-5 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.

C. The Illustrations of Money Love - vs 10

1. For the love of money
  - a. **philarguria** - avarice:--love of money.
    - i. affection for silver
    - ii. As already stated, money is not evil in itself
  - b. is the root of all evil - what wrong hasn't been done for the love of money
2. which while some coveted after,
  - a. they have erred from the faith,
    - i. wandered away from - Demas - 2 Tim 4:10
    - ii. Faith - refers to the body of Christian truth
    - iii. Gold has replaced God
  - b. and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
    - i. like an animal placed on a spit for roasting
    - ii. The consequences of sin that will or have come upon them
    - iii. The ultimate sorrow will be hell