

God Never Said That

“Money is The Root of All Evil”
1 Timothy 6:6-19 – April 26, 2026

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<i>Examining Common Statements That You Will Not Find in the Bible</i>		
Date	Message Title	Bible Text
April 4/5	God Helps Those Who Help Themselves	Ephesians 2:1-9
April 12	God Wants You to Be Happy	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
April 19	God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle	1 Corinthians 10:13
April 26	Money is The Root of All Evil	1 Timothy 6:6-19
May 3	To Thine Own Self Be True	Luke 9:23-26
May 10	Heaven Needed Another Angel	Romans 12:15
May 17	Forgive and Forget	John 2:23-25

Discerning Between Right and Almost Right

- **Almost Right:** “God won’t give you more than you can handle.” There is some truth to this based on 1 Corinthians 10:13.
- **Fully Right:** God does allow us to encounter more than we can handle so that we will turn to Him in full relational dependence drawing close to Him in walk and worship and so that He can reward us for eternity.
- **Almost Right:** “Money is the root of all evil.” A miss quoting of 1 Timothy 6:10
- **Fully Right:** “the _____ of money is ___ root of all sorts of evil.”

Four facts Paul shares about coveting

1. Wealth does not bring _____ (v.6)

- “contentment” means – an inner sufficiency that keeps us at peace despite outward circumstances.
- True contentment comes from godliness in the heart, not wealth in the hand. A person who depends on material things for peace and assurance will never be satisfied.
- Kent Nerburn: “I want you to know that possessions are chameleons that change from fantasies into responsibilities once you hold them in your hands and they take your eye from the heavens and rivet square on earth.”
- **Psalm 37:3-5** *Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.*
- **Application #1** – With God’s help and power, I choose find contentment in the Lord and press into His desires for my life

2. Wealth is not _____ (v. 7)

- Nothing we buy in this world can leave with us! No matter how much you earn or amass in this life the answer to the question “How much did he leave behind?” is the same for everyone! The answer is “everything”!
- **Matthew 6:19-21** “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- **Application #2** – Lord forgive me where I have placed too much attention on the things of this world. Help me prioritize heavenly treasures.

3. Our basic _____ are easily met (v. 8)

- If covid was good for anything, it helped remind us of what is truly important and how to rely on each other.
- **Matthew 25:40-45** *And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,^[a] you did it to me. ‘Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’*
- **Application #3** – In order to prepare for and walk in victory over temptations of coveting, I am going to...
 - Surrender to the Lordship of Christ in my life

Jesus, I recognize that I am a sinner in need of salvation. I trust that what You did on the cross was sufficient to forgive me of all my sins. I surrender my life to Your Lordship.

- Tithe as an act of obedience and remembrance that all I have is Gods and merely trusted to me to steward as He would.
- Serve others: WhatIsGrace.org/CHLB

4. The desire for wealth can lead to _____ (v. 9-10)

- Riches can be a trap, they often lead to bondage, not freedom, Instead of giving satisfaction, riches create additional desires, and these must be satisfied. The more you have the more you want.
- The more wealth you have the greater false sense of security you have and the less you depend on God.

- While Paul teaches that Gods laborer is certainly worthy of his hire (1 Timothy 5:17-18) his motive for laboring must not be money, riches or attention.

Discerning Between Right and Almost Right

- **Almost Right:** “Money is the root of all evil.” A miss quoting of 1 Timothy 6:10
- **Fully Right:** “the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil.

Is money evil in and of itself?

- Money is an inanimate object therefore it cannot be evil in and of itself.
- **Romans 12: 3-8** *or through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.⁴ For just as we have many parts in one body and all ^{the}the body’s parts do not have the same function,⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another.⁶ However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly: if prophecy, ⁱⁿin proportion to one’s faith;⁷ if ⁱⁿservice, in the act of serving; or the one who teaches, in the act of teaching;⁸ or the one who ⁱⁿexhorts, in the work of ⁱⁿexhortation; the one who gives, with ⁱⁿgenerosity; the one who ^{is}is in leadership, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*
- If “giving is a Spiritual gift then money isn’t evil.
- Paul teaches that Gods laborer is certainly worthy of his hire (1 Timothy 5:17-18)

Today’s big Application:

Lord help me not be a lover of money and covet that which I do not have. Help me to be a cheerful giver and love blessing others. Lord bless me so I might bless others!