

Refresh

“Money Trap”

1 Tim. 6:10, 17: “...the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God...”

2 Tim. 3:1-2: “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ²People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money...”

How Can I Avoid The Trap Of Making Money My God?

1. By the reminder that mismanaging money God has entrusted to me can never bring lasting happiness, but only personal heartache.

- **James 5:1-3:** “Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.”

2 Cor. 9:6-8: “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2. By not financially exploiting others through selfishly cheating them out of money rightly due them.

- **James 5:4:** “Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.”

3. By rejecting a luxurious lifestyle of self-indulgence that leads to possessions possessing me & to the destruction of innocent lives.

- **James 5:5-6:** “You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter ⁶You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.”