



April 19, 2015 – Discussion Questions  
 1 Timothy 6:3-10– The Gospel and Money, Pt 1  
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Introduction

“Do you have money or does money have you?”

**I. The Standard for Money**

**a) Earthly Treasure vs Eternal Treasure**

Read Matthew 6:19-24.

What does Jesus mean when he states, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also?” How could a stranger know what you treasure?

What does Jesus mean when he states, “You cannot serve both God and Money?”

**b) The Range of Wealth**

The Bible provides a spectrum of wealth from the widow (Luke 21:1-4) who put into the offering two very small copper coins (mites) to Job who had 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 donkeys and a large number of servants.

Read Matthew 19:16-22. How did ‘great wealth’ prove a barrier for the rich young ruler? Did Jesus require every ‘inquirer’ to sell all their possessions?

**II. The Seduction of Money**

**a) Simon the Sorcerer**

Read Acts 8:9-24. Note v.18 where Simon ‘offered them money’ in order to acquire spiritual power. What sins did Peter identify in the life of this man? How did Simon respond to the rebuke?

Why do you think Luke, the author of Acts, abruptly ends the story? How seriously will we be assessed for our use of money?

**b) False Teachers in Ephesus**

Read 1 Timothy 6:3-10 and answer the following questions

False Doctrines	True/Sound Doctrines
	v.3 What are 2 marks of sound doctrine?
v.4 How does pride evidence itself in a false teacher?	What character trait should be evident in a true doctrine teacher?

v.4 How may we guard ourselves from an 'unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words?'	What would characterize a 'healthy' spiritual appetite? How can such an appetite be encouraged in our group?
v.4-5 What are the character results of false teaching?	
v.5 How do the false teachers view godliness?	v.6,8 What 'formula' does Paul give in these verses? Godliness + Contentment = ?
v. 7 What are the net assets at birth? At death? Define "stewardship." How may we improve our 'stewardship' of what God has entrusted us with?	
v. 9-10 If we make RICHES our main focus what dangers do we introduce into our own lives? Our families? Our ministries? Provide examples from Scripture or from your circle of influence of the dangers of the 'love' of money.	
Read Matthew 6:33 and ask God to help you SEEK FIRST the KINGDOM of GOD!	