

Money and Meaning

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

1. If you love money, you might do anything to get it. (vv. 8-9)
 - a. Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.
 - b. 1 Timothy 6:10 For 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.

2. If you love money, you will never have enough. (v. 10)

3. The more money, the more people who want it. (v. 11)

4. The more money you have, the less you might sleep. (v. 12)

5. Money can quickly come and go. (vv. 13-14)
 - a. Proverbs 23:5 Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

6. You can't take it with you. (vv. 15-16)

7. Money doesn't assure you of avoiding pain. (v. 17)

LOOKING AT LIFE BEYOND THE SUN:

1. Declare God to be your master, not money.
 - a. Luke 3:12-14 Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” 13“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. 14Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

2. Be content with what God gives. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)
 - a. Proverbs 22:16 Oppressing the poor to enrich oneself or giving gifts to the rich will surely lead to poverty.

3. Put your hope in God not wealth. (1 Timothy 6:17)
 - a. Proverbs 18:10-11 The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. 11The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale.

4. Be generous and do good with the money God gives. (1 Timothy 6:18)

5. Enjoy the gifts God gives for the sake of the Giver. (1 Timothy 6:17)
 - a. Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

6. Focus on eternity. (1 Timothy 6:19)