

What the Bible Says About the Love of Money

1 TIMOTHY 6 VERSE 10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

HEBREWS 13 VERSE 5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

INFORMATION

The verse from 1 Timothy above, is one of the most famous Bible verses regarding money, and it is often misquoted. Often people will say that "money is the root of all evil" yet this is not what the verse says. The verse says that the "love of money is the root of all kinds of evil". That is quite a bit different isn't it? However, this is not the only thing the Bible says about money. The Bible also provides instruction and insight for handling money too. Money is simply a reality of life and something we should not be ashamed of. We should, however, learn to properly handle it by learning the Biblical principles regarding it.

This instruction is central to the concept of contentment. We should be content with what we have and not pursue wealth as an end goal to be obtained. This does not mean that we do not work hard or strive for perfection in what we do, it means that the reason we work hard and strive for perfection is not wealth. We work hard and strive for perfection because we do all things for God, including our work and profession.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

We are not to love money. We must not grow attached to money to the point where we trust in our money or wealth or where we regard money higher than God's laws. We must also learn to apply Biblical principles to our spending habits. This means learning how we should save, how we should tithe and give, how we should handle debt and all of the precepts outlined in the Bible. Like many things in life, money is not in itself bad; instead, how we behave in regards to money can become a stumbling block for us. Read 1 Timothy 6 and strive to understand the instruction found here.

Relevant Passages

Proverbs 13:11

Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Proverbs 30:8-9

Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: 9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

Isaiah 46:5-9

To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? 6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. 7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble. 8 Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. 9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.