

Wealth that Deceives

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:10-12

Series: **God and Money**

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Corroborating Texts: 1 Timothy 6:10; Psalm 73:25-26



Overview

We have the temptation to set our hope in money. Money is not evil, but money is also not God. Wealth is not God. *God alone* is God.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the prosperity gospel? What does it look like? What is the poverty gospel? What does it look like? Who are some people that preach either of these two false gospels? Please qualify with evidence. *This may seem uncomfortable to do this, but it is important that we identify false teachers and turn one another away from that teaching.*
2. What is “love of money?” [The relentless pursuit of money. It’s when we set our hopes on it. It’s when it is prioritized above all else.] Do you have to have money to have an unhealthy love of it? [No.] When has there been a time in life where you were lured into a love of money? How did you find yourself in that position? What are good ways to remove yourself from money’s hold?
3. This series will touch on people in different situations: people who have plenty and people who have little, people who are generous, and people who are bogged down in debt. Pray as a group that everyone will be led to be vulnerable and share their position regarding money and how their brothers and sisters may help one another.
4. Have you made a plan regarding money? What are the components of that plan? How did you arrive at that plan? Who helped you develop that plan? Did you create that plan with Scripture in mind?
5. How do we rightly put money in its place in our lives? [We need the Lord.] What are other safeguards that we might do? What must we ask of God regarding money? [We must ask that he guards our hearts.]
6. Finances are something that most people in our culture not only understand, but have formed strong opinions about. How might we explain the gospel in terms of finances [in irreconcilable debt to our holy, creator God; Christ has paid that debt].