<u>Series</u>: Stewardship <u>Title</u>: Instructions Regarding Money <u>Text</u>: 1 Tim 6

- I. <u>Instructions Regarding Servants & Masters</u>: (Vs 1-2) (Col 3:22-24) Full days work for a full days pay.
- II. Instructions Regarding False Teachers: (Vs 3-5) (Prov 13:10)(Jude 3-4)(Is 26:3)(2 Pet 2:1, 3)
- **III.** Instructions Regarding Money Matters: (Vs 6-19)
  - A. Because of its power to destroy. (verses 6:6-11)
    - 1. <u>By undermining godliness and contentment</u>. (6:6-7) (Matt 6:19-21)
    - 2. By seducing us with foolish & harmful desires: (v 8) a. <u>WE HAVE ENOUGH</u>: (Heb 13:5)(Phil 4:11-12)
    - **3**. By distracting us from a life of faith: (vs 9)
      - a. <u>GREED IS A TRAP</u>
        - 1.) Judas Iscariot: (Matt 27:3-4; Mark 14:10-11)
        - 2.) Achan: (Joshua 7:20-21)
        - 3.) Us: (James 5:1-3)
      - b. <u>THE FLESH IS NEVER SATISFIED</u>: (Vs 10) (Ecc 5:10)(Prov 30:15)
- IV. Instructions Regarding the Man of God: (Vs 11-16)
  - A. flee these things; What Things? (Vs 3-5, 9)
  - B. follow after...
    - 1. righteousness: (Matt 5:8)(Phil 3:9)
    - 2. godliness instead of building my ego (Matt 5:48)
    - **3. faith** (James 2:17)(John 8:32)(Phil 3:10)
    - **4. love -** (1 Cor 13:1)
    - **5. patience -** (James 5:7-8)
    - 6. meekness (Matt 5:5)

- C. Fight the good fight of faith -<u>Faith is our Shield</u>: (Eph 6:16) <u>Faith Brings us Eternal Life</u>: (John 17:3)(1 Cor 15:31)
- **D. "lay hold on eternal life,"** (Vs 13-16) (Titus 2:13)

### IV. Instructions Regarding the Rich: (Vs 17-19)

- A. Money Matters B/c of It's Potential to Giving.
  - 1. When we put our hope in God. (6:17)
  - 2. When we seek to be rich in good deeds. (6:18a)
  - 3. When we become generous, willing to share. (6:18)
- 4. When we are guided by an eternal perspective. (6:19) (Matt 6:24)

## V. Final Instructions to Timothy: (Vs 20-21)

# A. Where Do We Get into Problems?

- 1. We ease into the "slavery to money" relationship.
  - a) The World says, "money & possessions."
  - b) God says, (Matt 6:33).
  - c) The World says, "Wealth bring happiness."
  - d) God says, (Luke 12:15).
  - e) The World says, "I'll be satisfied when I have more."
  - f) God says, (Ecc 5:10)
- 2. <u>We become slaves</u>: (Prov 22:7)(Rom 13:8)

# **B.** Seven Principles of Financial Freedom

**1. Realize that all your material wealth belongs to God.** 

God is the source. (1 Chronicles 29:11-16)

**2. God promises to supply our needs** (context = for givers). (Phil 4:19) "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

**3. One of God's basic ways to provide for our needs is to have us work.** (2 Thes 3:6-12)

**4. Money should be freely given to God's work & people.** (2 Cor 9:6-9)

5. A portion of your income should be saved for the future.

(Ex: Joseph planned for future needs: Gen 41:35)

6. Be content with what you have. (Heb 13:5)(Phil 4:11-13)

#### 7. Evaluate all expenditures by scriptural principles:

- a) Cash vs Debt: (Prov 22:7)
- b) Do you have doubts @ the expenditure: (Rom 13:14)
- c) Need versus want? (Ps 37:5)(Prov 10:3)
- d) Is it a good investment? (Prov 20:14)

e) <u>Getting more money is not always the answer</u> (Ecc 5:10)