

Sermon Notes

1 Timothy 6

April 26, 2026

TIMTalks: Money

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- I. Fun Facts about Monopoly
- II. A Biblical Perspective

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

- A. Money is amoral. It is what we do with it
- B. What is THE root of all evil?

- C. Pride is all about comparison/competition

III. Greed

- A. "Just a little more"
- B. Greed is based on _____
- C. "In God We Trust"

IV. Lurking in the Shadows

- A. What is the "Tell?"
- B. Recognizing it in others/Blind in ourselves

V. Paul's Warning to Timothy

- A. Never goes away, always in the shadow
- B. Jesus said, ***"No one can serve two masters; for either you will hate the one and love the other or you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and money."***
- C. CS Lewis: *"If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud. . .if you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited, indeed."*
- D. Exposing the shadow, living in the light

Daily Devotions

The reason the Bible speaks so much about money is that at the heart of greed is fear of scarcity. This fear will be the focus of our daily devotions.

Mon., April 27 **Material Scarcity**

In Luke 12, Jesus warns, *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”* Besides your family, pets and photo albums, if your house were on fire, what material possession would you save? How does this free you from the fear of material scarcity?

Tues., April 28 **Status Scarcity**

We too often measure our worth and value in society by our possessions. Would our friends still be there if I lost it all? We are reminded in Hebrews 13 that no matter what, our status with God remain true. *Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”*

Wed., April 29 **Emotional Scarcity**

Contentment is a rare and precious gift. If we seek one more material possession or worldly pleasure to achieve this gift, it will always elude us. Writing from a dank prison cell, Paul describes his own emotional abundance in Philippians 4 *I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

Thurs., April 30 **Financial Scarcity**

Too often when we think of our giving, we look at what is left over, what we can do without, rather than starting with a tithe from the “first fruits.” When we begin with this abundance thinking of how everything comes from God, generosity is a natural response. From Deuteronomy 8 *But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.*

Fri., May 1 **Living Fearlessly**

When we confront, name, own and expose this fear, our greed is replaced by trust in the God who will provide, contentment to enjoy our blessings and thankfulness for what we do have. Living fearlessly keeps us mindful of our blessings TODAY. From Matthew 6 *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.*

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