

THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR RESOURCES

AVOID THE PITFALLS OF MONEY...

1 Timothy 6:9-10 states, *"But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For **THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL** and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."*

THINKING THAT HAVING MORE WILL MAKE ME...

1. _____ Ecclesiastes 5:10-11: *"The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity. When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes?"*
2. More _____ Luke 12:15: *"And He said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'"*
3. More _____ Proverbs 23:5: *"When your eyes light upon it, it [money/wealth] is gone..."*

That's the downside, but here's the upside...

APPLY THE PURPOSES OF MONEY...

1 Timothy 6:17-19: *"As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus **STORING UP** for themselves the treasure of **A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE**, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."*

**Five eternal funds that pay eternal dividends
in the Kingdom of God**

USE YOUR MONEY TO...

1. _____ **WORSHIP – THE** _____
FUND.

Proverbs 3:9: *"Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce."*

Matthew 6:21: *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

2. _____ **FELLOWSHIP – THE** _____
FUND.

Romans 12:13: *"Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."*

Hebrews 10:24: *"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds."*

3. _____ **YOUR LIFE – THE** _____
FUND.

Proverbs 10:16: *"The wage of the righteous leads to life."*

Proverbs 23:23: *"Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding."*

4. **MAKE A** _____ **IN OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES –**
THE _____ **FUND.**

Proverbs 11:24: *"Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want."*

Proverbs 28:17: *"Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing."*

Proverbs 19:17: *"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full."*

5. **HELP** _____ **THE GREAT COMMISSION –**
THE _____ **FUND.**

Luke 16:9: *"Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home."*

2 Corinthians 9:13: *"Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others."*

2 Corinthians 8:9: *"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich."*