

Series: "EMPTY PROMISES"
Part 3: "THE TRAP OF TREASURE"
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How much money do you need to be happy? _____

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

Three Empty Promises Money Makes:

1. _____

²⁰ The poor are despised even by their neighbors,
while the rich have many "friends."

Proverbs 14:20 (NLT)

⁴ Wealth makes many "friends";
poverty drives them all away.

Proverbs 19:4 (NLT)

2. _____

¹⁶ Do not be overawed when others grow rich,
when the splendor of their houses increases;
¹⁷ for they will take nothing with them when they die,
their splendor will not descend with them.
¹⁸ Though while they live they count themselves blessed—
and people praise you when you prosper—
¹⁹ they will join those who have gone before them,
who will never again see the light of life.

Psalm 49:16-19 (NIV)

¹⁵ The wealth of the rich is their fortress;
the poverty of the poor is their destruction.

Proverbs 10:15 (NLT)

¹¹ The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense;
they imagine it to be a high wall of safety.

Proverbs 18:11 (NLT)

3. _____

⁵ In the blink of an eye wealth disappears,
for it will sprout wings
and fly away like an eagle.

Proverbs 23:5 (NLT)

⁴ Riches won't help on the day of judgment

Proverbs 11:4a (NLT)

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV)

3 Ways Our Hearts Can Be Free from the Trap of Treasure

1. Choose to be _____ as you stop chasing _____

⁴ Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich.
Be wise enough to know when to quit.

Proverbs 23:4 (NLT)

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

2. Avoid empty _____ by looking to God to _____

¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV)

3. Keep your focus on _____ by growing in _____

Sermon Notes:

Additional Resources:

gods at War – Kyle Idleman
www.Crown.org – Budget Coaching
The Genius of Generosity, Chip Ingram
Navigating Your Finances God's Way, www.compass1.org