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You say you believe in God. Do you really? Do you live your life as if God is in the room, or do you assume He's not paying attention? You call yourself a Christian. Are you who you say you are?

In this multiple week series, we will challenge each other to confront hypocrisy, challenge ourselves, and live a life that brings glory to Christ.

The Christian Atheist – Week 10

Believing in God, But Trusting More in Money

Key Thought

What we trust most becomes our god.

Key Scripture

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:34

Big Idea #1: Money Makes a Terrible God

1 Timothy 6:17-19

- Wealth is uncertain.
- Markets change.

- Jobs disappear.
- Possessions break.
- Economies fluctuate.
- Money can be a useful tool but a terrible master.

Truth

**You can have money without trusting money.
The issue is not possession but dependence.**

Big Idea #2: Where Your Treasure Goes, Your Heart Follows

Luke 12:34

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- The location of our treasure reveals the direction of our heart.
- Jesus did not say your money follows your heart.
- He said your heart follows your treasure.

Questions to Consider

- What receives my best?
- What occupies my thoughts?
- What causes me the most worry?
- What do I fear losing most?

Truth

The answer often reveals where our trust truly lies.

Big Idea #3: Contentment Is Found in Christ, Not in More

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Philippians 4:11-13

The world's message:
"Just a little more."

God's message:
"I am enough."

Truth

**True contentment is not having everything you want.
True contentment is discovering Christ is enough.**

Key Verse

"Godliness with contentment is great gain."

1 Timothy 6:6

- We brought nothing into this world.
 - We can take nothing out of it.
 - Paul learned contentment in abundance and in lack.
 - The love of money leads many away from faith.
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Big Idea #4: Generosity Breaks the Power of Money

Malachi 3:10-12

2 Samuel 24:24

Truth

**Giving is not God's way of getting something from us.
Giving is God's way of freeing us from the grip of greed.**

David declared:

"I will not sacrifice to the Lord that which costs me nothing."

Remember

**Every act of generosity declares:
"God is my source."**

- Generosity shifts our trust from possessions to God's provision.
 - Giving is an act of worship and dependence.
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Big Idea #5: Trusting God Means Surrendering What Feels Most Secure

Money often represents:

- Control
- Independence
- Safety

Faith requires surrendering control and trusting God's care.

The Christian Atheist Says

"I believe God provides."

But lives as though:

"My future depends entirely on me."

Biblical Faith Says

My responsibility is obedience.

God's responsibility is provision.

Closing Challenge

Money can buy comfort, but not peace.

Money can buy possessions, but not purpose.

Money can buy entertainment, but not joy.

The Question Is Not:

"Do you have money?"

The Question Is:

"Does money have you?"

Closing Scripture

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and money."

Final Challenge

Move your trust from what is in your hands to the God who holds your future.

Personal Application

- What do I trust most when life becomes uncertain?
- What possessions are distracting me from pursuing God?
- Am I more content today than I was a year ago?
- Does my giving reflect trust in God or fear of not having enough?
- What is one practical step I can take this week to put God above money?

Scripture List – The Christian Atheist Week 10 Believing in God, But Trusting More in Money

- Psalm 90:4 (NKJV)
- 1 Timothy 6:17–19 (NKJV)
- Luke 12:34 (NKJV)
- Malachi 1:6–7 (NKJV)
- 1 Timothy 6:6–10 (NKJV)
- Philippians 4:11–13 (NKJV)
- 1 Timothy 6:5 (NKJV)
- Malachi 3:10–12 (NKJV)
- 2 Samuel 24:24 (NKJV)
- Matthew 6:24 (NKJV)