

The logo for '21 Financial Fast' features the number '21' in a large, golden, 3D-style font on the left. To its right, the word 'FINANCIAL' is written in a smaller, green, bold, sans-serif font. Below 'FINANCIAL', the word 'FAST' is written in a much larger, green, bold, sans-serif font, with the '21' partially overlapping its left side.

21 FINANCIAL FAST

A Time Of...

Insight, Instructions, Increase, and Inspiration

Day Seventeen

The Desire That Leads To Destruction

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NLT)

9 But people who *long to be rich* fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful **DESIRES** that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

10 **FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL.** And some people, *craving money*, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

PERSPECTIVE

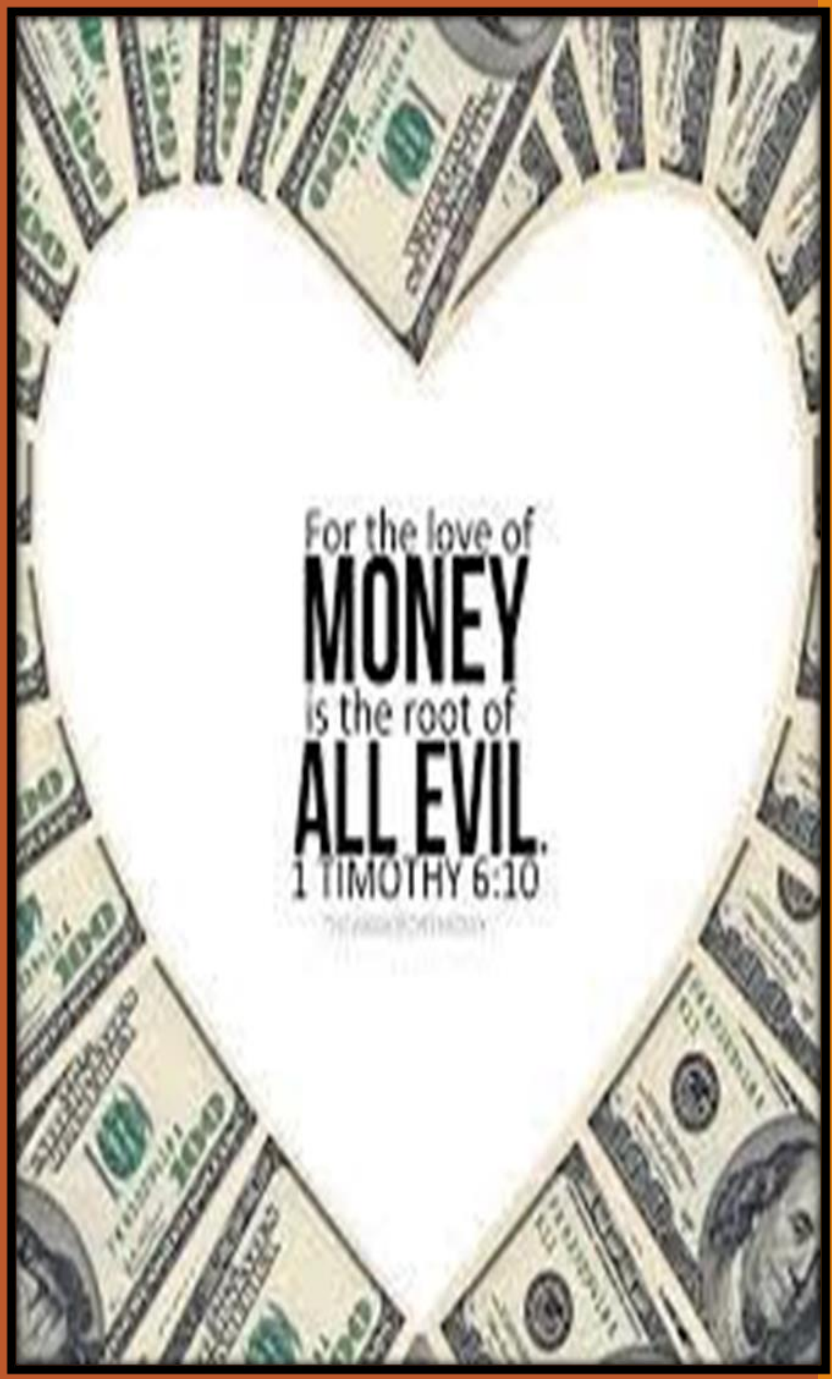
Wealth Requires Discipline and The Right Desire

*If Your **Desires Are Right**... There Is **No Limit** To God's Blessings*

Psalm 37:4 ~ Delight Yourself In The Lord....



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Paul Gives Us Warnings About Riches

Pursue Righteousness Instead of Riches

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Riches Can Become A Trap, When It Is Your Longing Desire

James 1:14-15 (NLT)

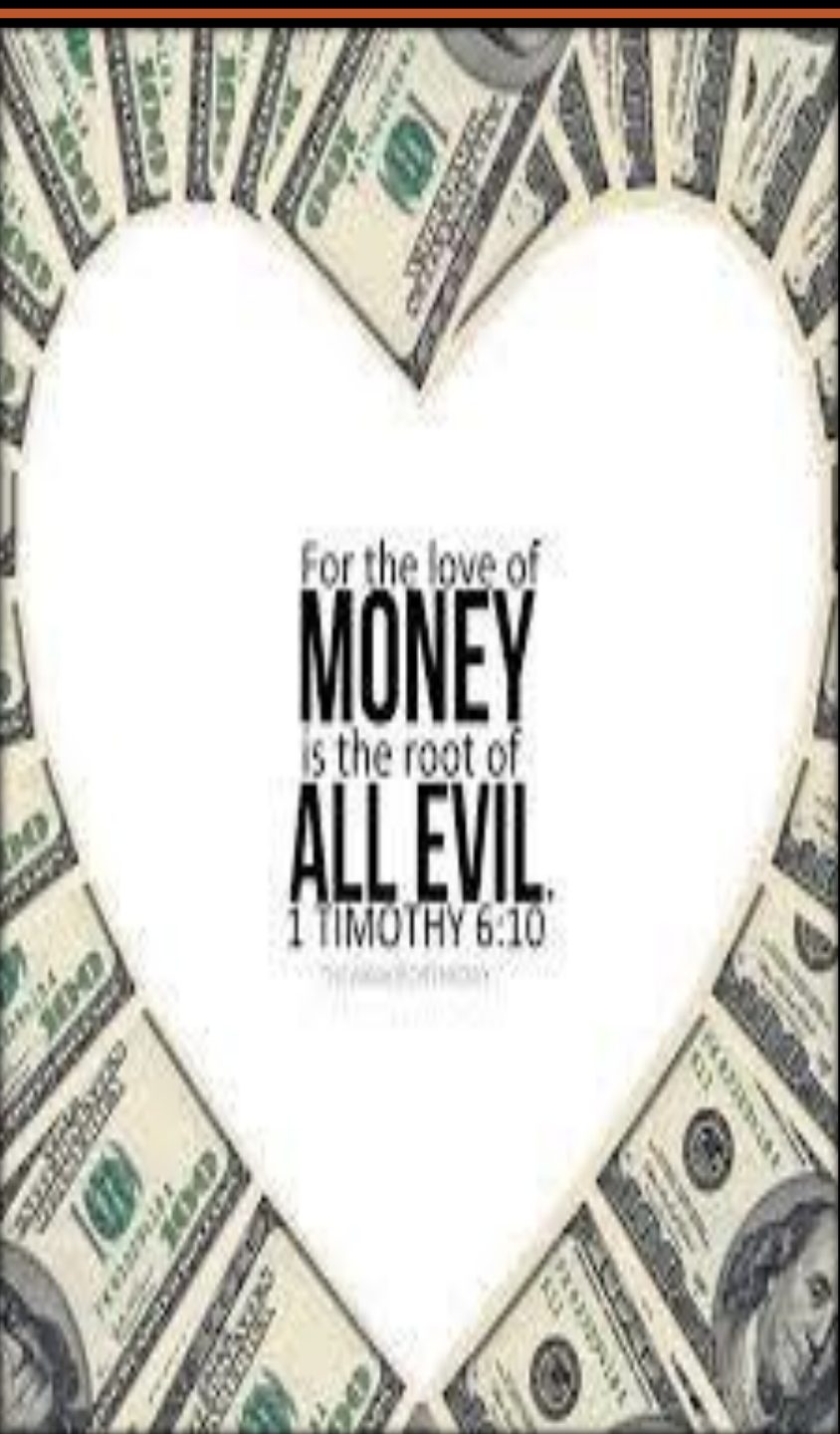
14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

Your Allegiance To Christ Can Be Compromised By Your Cravings

1 John 2:16-17 (ESV)

16 For all that is in the world— the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.

17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.



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Money Can Provide Opportunity For Good Works But...What Is Your Motivation To Get Money

Feed The Hungry ~ Shelter For The Homeless

Meet Needs Of The Less Fortunate ~ Support the Kingdom Agenda

Build Up Communities

James 4:2-3 (NLT)

2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

*3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because **your motives are all wrong**—you want only what will give you pleasure.*

When You Are Faithful With Little... God Gives More

He Monitors Your Motivation

Day Seventeen Meditation

Proverbs 15:27 (ESV)

27 Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household...

Proverbs 23:4 (NLT)

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

Proverbs 28:20 (NLT)

*20 The trustworthy person will get a rich reward,
but a person who wants quick riches will get into trouble.*

Matthew 6:13 (NIV)

13 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 16:26 (NKJV)

*26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world,
and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

Matthew 13:22 (NKJV)

*22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and
the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word,
and he becomes unfruitful.*



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Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT)

*19 And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—
THIS IS INDEED A GIFT FROM GOD.*

James 1:17 (NKJV)

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...

1 Timothy 6:17 (NLT)

17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)

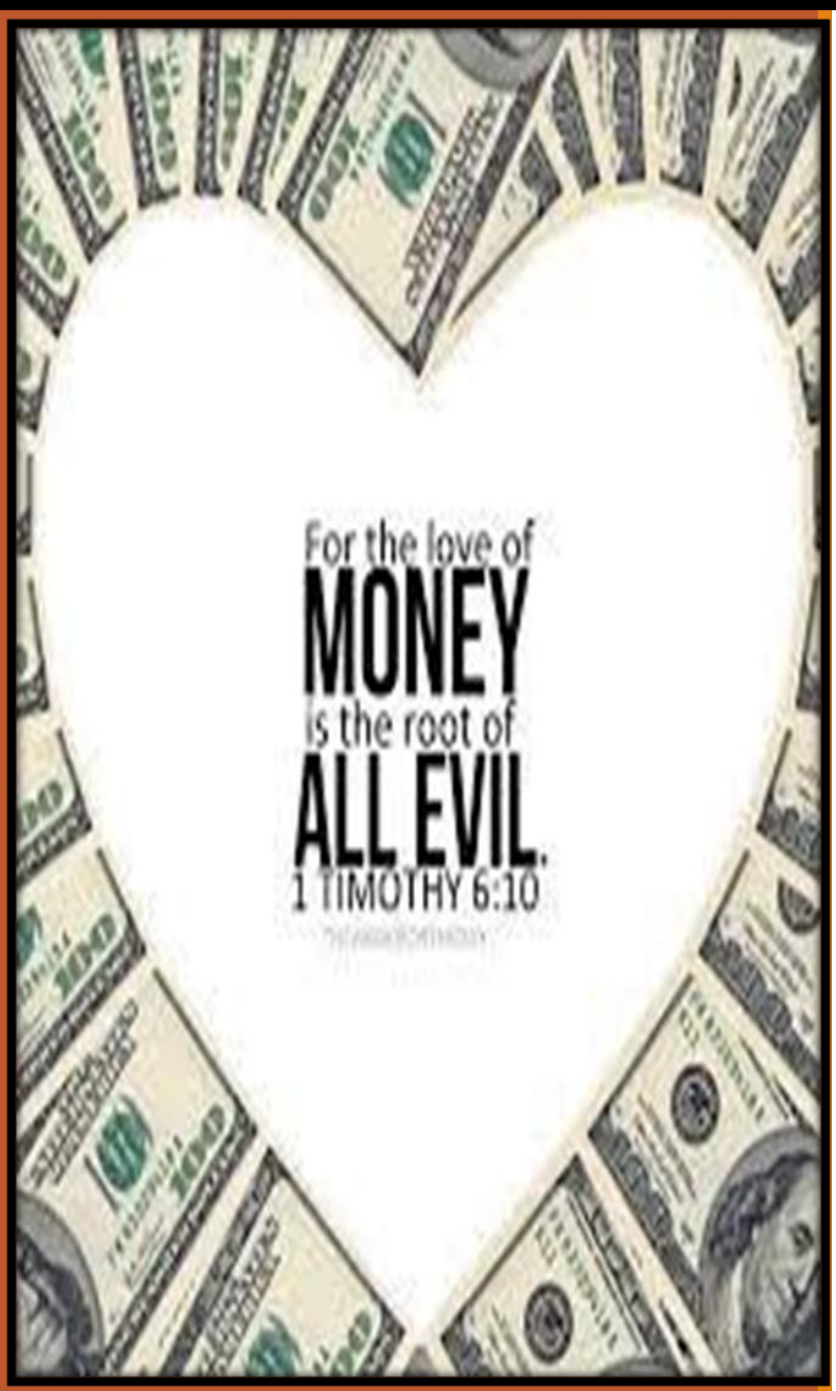
18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

Job 42:10 (NIV)

10 After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before.



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Day Seventeen Prayer

God, I Thank You For Every Blessing That You Give

God, I Thank You For The Power To Get Increase

God, I Thank You For The Gift Of Life

God, I Thank You For The Heart To Serve

God, I Thank You For Surrounding Me With Kingdom Partners

God, I Pray For The Discernment To Seek You

God, I Pray For The Discernment To Recognize Traps

God, I Pray That You Keep My Motives Pure

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In Jesus Name....

Amen