



**August 9, 2026 "The Manacle of Money"**

**LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD**

*The love of money is one of the most destructive bondages, and one of the last things people choose to let go of and surrender to God.*

✦ Money is a terrible master, but a powerful servant when surrendered to God.

**1 Timothy 6:10**

*How a Christian makes money, manages money, and gives money is a direct reflection of their relationship with the Lord.*

✦ Christianity is about lordship; it's about surrender and whether or not Jesus is the Lord over **all** my life.

✦ Where the bondage begins is with viewing possessions as self-earned rather than **divinely** entrusted.

*"Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can."  
~John Wesley*

**1:** Money becomes a **bondage** when it becomes our **master**.

**Matthew 6:24**

✦ Both God and money compete for the same place in our life: The place of trust.

**Matthew 6:21**

**2:** Money becomes a bondage when **fear** replaces **faith**.

✦ Fear can turn what God has blessed us with into a prison.

**Hebrews 13:5**

✦ Contentment is not rooted in how much I have; contentment is rooted in **Who** has me.

*If we love money more than God, we may gain the world but ultimately lose what matters most.*

**3:** Money loses its power when we surrender it to God.

**1 Timothy 6:17–19, Proverbs 21:5**

*While stewardship provides discipline and management, generosity provides the active release and purpose.*

✦ **CHALLENGE:**

1. Does money control my decisions more than God does?
2. Do I trust my paycheck more than I trust my Provider?
3. Am I willing to compromise spiritually to protect financially?

✦ All scripture is taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.