

My Giving Eliminates The Love of Money

Luke 19

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“1 Tim. 6:10 does not teach that money is the root of all evil, or even that the love of money is the root of all evil; but that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Money itself is not neutral; it is basically defiled. Jesus called money “unrighteous mammon” (Luke 16:9, 11) and Paul called “filthy lucre” (1 Tim. 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7, 11). Money can be invested for eternity by bringing Christ to lost people, or send a man to hell by becoming his God. Every one of the 10 Commandments can be broken because of money. Because of a desire for money, people have denied God, blasphemed his name, stolen, lied, murdered, committed adultery, and so on. A lust for material things makes people wander from the faith, and this leads to shipwreck.”

—Warren Wiersbe

Luke 2:7-14

- Money and possessions are always entangled with godly living, or lack of it.
- A heart that has money on the throne is a heart that is lost.
- The Gospel demands a response in every area of our lives, finances included.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Do you believe money itself is evil or neutral?
- b. Examine Luke 16:9 in different translations; why do you believe Jesus called money unrighteous?
- c. Have you ever known someone or have you yourself been “pierced by many griefs” in pursuit of money?
- d. Why do you believe “salvation” came upon the house of Zacchaeus once the love of money was removed from his heart?
- e. What are some comparisons and contrasts you see between the rich young ruler and Zacchaeus?