

NOT FOR SALE

Titus 3:3-7

*Once we, too, were **foolish and disobedient**. We were **misled** and **became slaves** to many **lusts and pleasures**. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. But—*

*When God our Savior revealed **his kindness and love, he saved us**, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of **his mercy**. **He washed** away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.*

*He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of **his grace he made us right** in his sight and gave us **confidence** that we will inherit eternal life.*

I'm Not for Sale...

The comfort of INDEPENDENCE and SELF

I'm Not for Sale...

My own DESIRES and APPETITES

I'm Not for Sale...

My LOVE

I'm Not for Sale...

My WORDS and INFLUENCE

I'm not for sale...

I WILL NOT CHASE MONEY

MONEY is the one thing that can WORK for you and OWN you at the same time!

Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve **both God and money.**

We treat Money like it's the CURE when it's really just a band-aid for the STRESS we've created

Money is a false answer for:

1. HAPPINESS

2. SECURITY

GOD has promised that HE will PROVIDE all we need.

- JOY

- FREEDOM

1 Timothy 6:17-18

*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**. Command them to do good, to be **rich in good deeds**, and to **be generous and willing to share**.*

I'm not for sale:

I WILL NOT CHASE MONEY BECAUSE MY LOVE AND TRUST IS IN JESUS

PEOPLE WHO LOVE AND TRUST MONEY...

1. NEVER HAVE ENOUGH

Ecclesiastes 5:10

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

Proverbs 18:11

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

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2. Become less GENEROUS the more they GAIN

2 Corinthians 8:2-3

*In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up **in rich generosity**. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.*

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3. Wonder why stress comes in LARGER AMOUNTS even with full ACCOUNTS

Proverbs 15:16

Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.

Talk It Over

1. Share about something you worked and saved for - only to find it wasn't what you really wanted?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18 together again- Share what you "see" in the text - what do you think God is trying to point out in our lives?
3. Why do you think we struggle to trust God over everything? Why do we lean on finances for our security instead of God and His promises?
4. How can we encourage one another to make the changes necessary in our lives - to give God first place and complete trust?
5. Pray together