

Questions for Reflection

1. Do you tend to think of money (or the things it can buy) more as a tool or a treasure? Give some examples.
2. Have you ever thought you would be more generous if you had more money? Has it been true in the past? Why or why not?
3. What are some areas where you currently want *pluteo*?
4. What would it look like for you to choose contentment in this area?



Tool or Treasure

Scripture has a lot to say about _____.

Believers live according to a different _____ than the world.

- Economy: the environment that tells us what's _____ and worth _____.

The world's economy tells us money is an _____!

The Kingdom economy tells us money is a _____, but also a _____! (Luke 16:1-9)

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:3-18

“These are the things you are to teach and insist on. If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing.” (vs. 3-4)

Paul tells Timothy that money _____ to God.

- _____ teaches more about money than any other topic.

“Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” (vs. 9)

Money isn't the root of all evil.

Money is a terrible _____, but a great _____.

Vs 9 – “Get rich” = *pluteo* (Greek) = _____.

- *Pluteo* creates an emotion where we don't desire what we have, we desire one step beyond it.
- The item isn't the trap, the trap is “_____.”

The Solution to *Pluteo*?

“But godliness with _____ is great gain.” (vs. 6)

- *Autarkeia* (Greek) = “_____,” I'm complete.

Exception:

It's virtually impossible for someone who doesn't have their basic needs met not to be _____ with money.

“If we have _____ and _____, we will be content with that.” (vs. 8)

We cannot rely on our _____ to make us content. Contentment is a _____.

_____ has virtually nothing to do with how much money you have. It flows from only from contentment.

“When you spend your time thinking about what you would do if you had _____, you don't spend enough time doing _____ with what you already have.”

But

“Only when you choose _____, you'll do what God wants with what you currently have.”

“Put your hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our _____.” (vs. 17)

Remember:

- We are not meant to _____ alone.
- The most enjoyable things are not the things _____ can _____.