

So What? 2 (Money) Leader's Guide

See Bible study at bottom of page.

- 1. What are God's thoughts about the love of money? (He says it's the root of all kinds of evil. It's the first step to trouble. Greed is really serving a false god.)**
- 2. Is getting rich a good goal? (No. The Bible says people who want to get rich can fall into temptation, into a trap. Lust for money can control them. It can cause them to cheat and steal. It can cause them to turn from their faith and to bring pain and sorrow on themselves.)**
- 3. Why does God say not to trust in money? (It's unreliable. You can lose it! It's here today and gone tomorrow.)**
- 4. In the parable, what happens to the man who is trusting in his money? (He is going to die that very night. He can't take the money with him. Someone else will get it! God calls him a FOOL.)**
- 5. What 2 gods did Jesus talk about? Can we worship both? (1.) True God, 2.) God of money or Mammon. We can't worship both. We have to choose.)**
- 6. What can a Christian do if they are trapped in greed and love money? (Repent. Ask God to forgive you for worshiping an idol, take away your greed. Put Jesus first in your life.)**

So What? 2

Greed and Materialism

1. 1 Timothy 6:9-10 Who Is Man?

- **Want to be rich. Greedy for money. v.9**
- **Tempted by money v.9**
- **Fall into trap because of greed v.9**
- **Have foolish, harmful desire for money that destroys them v.9**
- **Love money. This can lead people to many other sins. v.10**
- **Run after money so much they give up their true faith, get into error v.10**
- **Cause themselves a lot of pain, wounds. Become miserable. v.10**

So What?

- **Am I greedy for money? Is my top goal in life getting rich?**
- **Pursuing money is a trap of the devil.**
- **Pursuing money can cause me a lot of trouble and pain.**
- **Pursuing money can even cause me to lose my faith.**
- **Will I listen to God's warning about money?**
- **Will I repent and ask God to change my heart if I love money?**

2. 1 Timothy 6:17 Who Is Man?

- **Rich people can be proud, look down on others**
- **Rich people can trust in money, rely on it**
- **Can lose money easily**
- **Should trust in God instead of money**

Who Is God?

- **Richly gives all we need. Pours out ALL good things on us!**

- Wants us to enjoy life!

So What?

- Do I trust in money or God?
- Do I believe that God will RICHLY meet my needs?
- Do I believe that God wants me to enjoy life?

3. Luke 12:13-21 Who Is Jesus?

- Teacher v.13
- Attracts a crowd. v.13
- Refuses to get involved in family fights about money v.14
- Warns crowd about greed v.15
- Tells people to protect themselves, watch out for greed v.15
- Teaches that life, happiness don't come from owning lots of "things" v.15
- Teaches through parables, stories v.16
- Teaches that true wealth comes from a relationship with God v.21

Who Is God?

- Calls us fools if we trust in money, store up wealth v.20, 21
- Has control over our lives, whether we live or die v.20

Who Is Man?

- GREEDY! Man asks Jesus to help him get more money and things v.13
- Selfish with money. Won't share. v.13
- We get angry and fight about money. v.13
- Greedy. Wants to store up crops. Trusts in money, things. v.18-19
- Wants an easy comfortable life v. 19
- May die unexpectedly v.20
- Can have a rich relationship with God. If we do, we are wise! v.21

So What?

- Do I believe happiness comes from owning a lot of "things"?

- **Do I rely on, trust in money?**
- **Do I have a rich relationship toward God?**