

**Title: Evil Money? - Timothy 6:1-10**

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Read:

<sup>1-2</sup>Whoever is a slave must make the best of it, giving respect to his master so that outsiders don't blame God and our teaching for his behaviour. Slaves with Christian masters all the more so—their masters are really their beloved brothers! <sup>2-5</sup>These are the things I want you to teach and preach. If you have leaders there who teach otherwise, who refuse the solid words of our Master Jesus and this godly instruction; tag them for what they are: ignorant windbags who infect the air with germs of envy, controversy, bad-mouthing, suspicious rumours. Eventually there's an epidemic of backstabbing, and truth is but a distant memory. They think religion is a way to make a fast buck. <sup>6-8</sup>A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough. <sup>9-10</sup>But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

Think:

“Money is the root of all evil.” How many times you heard people say that? It seems to suggest that the rich are evil, and that anyone with money must have done something evil to get it. Not only that, but no one with money could possibly get to Heaven. Let's review the truth. Jesus said you get to heaven by accepting that he died for you on the Cross. It didn't say you get to heaven by accepting that he died for you on the cross and by being poor. It didn't say you get to heaven by accepting that he died for you on the cross unless you are rich. No this is just another quote from the Bible that the world has twisted. What Paul actually says to Tim in this verse is that, “the love of money is the root of all evil.” That's straight forward enough. If the time you spend getting money impacts your Relationship with God then of course that's a bad thing. If you spend forever scheming and plotting and don't look out for others of course that's bad. But then if the time you spend on Football, dancing, school, computers, or any other things impacts your relationship with God, then that's bad too. The love of anything, more the love of Jesus is not good. Next time someone quotes the Bible at you, go and check it out for yourselves. Because misquoting the Bible is certainly the root of some evil.

Pray:

Lord I thank you for your instruction book The Bible. Please give me the wisdom to understand how it impacts my life today. Amen

Action:

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