

TITLE: "SinSUAL –The Love of Money"

OPENING QUESTION: If you received a 1-million-dollar check in the mail with no strings attached, what would you do with that money?

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. **1 Timothy 6:9-10a** (NLT)

The love of money: when money becomes WHAT you follow more than WHO you follow.

QUESTION: In what ways do you think followers of Jesus can subtly drift into following money (job, income, possessions, future, retirement, etc.) more than following Jesus?

The love of money can infect anyone.

It is when the issue of money/wealth/finances moves from:

A tool → your sense of security

A resource → your identity (Look at how much I have - OR Look at how little I have)

A means to provide → A means to control

A responsibility to manage → A source of obsession or anxiety.

QUESTION: Take a quick inventory of your life. In what ways might you be allowing a love of money to infect your life?

The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. For instance...

The love of money leads to pain and destruction.

And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. **1 Timothy 6:10b** (NLT)

QUESTION: What are some of the "sorrows" that can come from wandering from true faith in pursuit of money?

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?" **Matthew 16:24–26** (NLT)



QUESTION: What do you think Jesus is saying in these verses, specifically regarding wealth/money/finances?

How to guard yourself against the love of money:

- Be **Kingdom-minded**

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. **Matthew 6:21 (NLT)**

You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. **Matthew 6:24b (NLT)**

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

QUESTION: Being Kingdom-minded is NOT about how much or how little you have. How can you strive to be more Kingdom-minded with your wealth/possessions?

- Be **Obedient**

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT)

Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11–13 (NLT)

QUESTION: Being obedient is NOT about how much or how little you have. How can you strive to be more obedient with your wealth/possessions?

- Be **Content**

QUESTION: Being content is NOT about how much or how little you have. How can you strive to be more content with your wealth/possessions?

“Is anything **worth more than your soul?**” - Jesus

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.” **Romans 10:9–10, & 13 (NLT)**

QUESTION: There is nothing you could gain or achieve during your life that is more important than surrendering your life to Jesus. Have you done this? If so, when? If not, why not?

LANDING QUESTION: Hopefully, today you have seen that the love of money is an issue for everyone to guard against - regardless of income or status. Briefly describe one way you can apply the Scriptures from this message to your life.

