

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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GIFT OR GOD? Money

- the Solar System

MONEY AS GIFT

- godly attitudes
 - o from God ¹
 - o for now ²
 - o fine as I am ³
- godly use
 - o supporting yourself and your family ⁴
 - o sharing with those in need ⁵
 - o promoting gospel work ⁶

MONEY AS GOD

- love of money ⁷
 - indulgence of self ⁸
 - neglect of the gospel ⁹
- ➔ how to get Mercury back in orbit ¹⁰

¹ 1 Chronicles 29:14

² 1 Timothy 6:7; Matthew 6:19-20

³ 1 Timothy 6:6; Philippians 4:11

⁴ 1 Thessalonians 3:8,10; 1 Timothy 5:8

⁵ Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 6:18; Acts 20:35

⁶ 1 Corinthians 9:14; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Mark 12:44; Luke 8:3; *Gospel Patrons: John Rhinehart* (Reclaimed Publishing)

⁷ 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Luke 16:13; 12:15-21

⁸ 2 Timothy 3:2; Luke 16:19-31; James 5:1-6

⁹ Haggai 1:4; Malachi 3:9

¹⁰ 2 Corinthians 8:9; *Counterfeit Gods*: Tim Keller (Hodder & Stoughton); *Living in the light*: John Piper (The Good Book Company)