

Money and the new life

Money is basically a liquid form of God's provision for us. Money is, therefore, one of God's good and generous gifts to us, but it is a very potent gift: it has great potential, but in a fallen world money also has its downside:

What do the following verses say about the dangers and limitations of money?

Proverbs 11:4

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath,
but righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 11:28

Those who trust in their riches will fall,
but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf

Proverbs 16:16

How much better to get wisdom than gold,
to get insight rather than silver!

Proverbs 23:4-5

Do not wear yourself out to get rich;
do not trust your own cleverness.
Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone,
for they will surely sprout wings
and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

Read through 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19

What are the particular dangers facing those who

- a. desire to be rich?

- b. are already 'rich in this present age'?

Money is also a gift that we can use generously with others. In the following verses:

- what generous actions are encouraged?
- what motives exist for those actions?

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Mark 12:41-44

Watch thorough the **video**

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7001209/video/406433565>

What insight in the video struck you most? Why?

How are you getting on with using your money (and thinking about your money) in a way that cultivates trust in God and contentment?

Are there specific areas where you might be tempted to lack contentment and slip into something like covetousness? What can you do about that?

Prayer

- Give thanks and pray about the things that you've discussed in this session.
- Pray that God would enable you/us all to be generous in the areas of life you've considered.

