

SERMON NOTES
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Liberty Baptist Church
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TEXT: 1 **Timothy 6:6-10**

SERIES: "IMPACT FAMILIES"

TITLE: "***Eternal Treasures OR Earthly Trinkets?***"

NOTES:

- **Discontentment** (a restless desire or craving for something one does not have) Drives a lot of our Financial Issues
- The Problem With Discontentment Is That It Is An **Appetite**
- Discontentment Is **Not** Always Bad

To warn Timothy about the Dangers of Loving Money, Paul shared 4 Facts with Timothy:

1. **Wealth Does Not Bring Contentment—v. 6**
2. **Wealth Is Not Lasting—v. 7**
3. **Our Basic Needs Are Easily Met—v. 8**
4. **The Desire For Wealth Can Lead Sin—vv. 9-10**
 - A. The Results of Loving Money
 1. Loving Money Results In A **Sinful** Snare, v.9a
 2. Loving Money Results In Yielding To **Harmful** Desires—v. 9b
 3. Loving Money Results In **Eternal** Judgment—v. 9c
 - B. The Real Temptation—v. 10
 - C. The Right Pathway To Follow—vv. 11-16
 1. **Flee**—v. 11a
 2. **Follow**—v. 11b
 3. **Fight**—vv. 12-16

Perspectives:

If we make \$10,000 a year, we are wealthier than 84% of the world; and if we make \$50,000 a year, we are wealthier than 99% of the world. Meanwhile, more than a billion people live in desperate poverty, lacking food, water, clothing, and shelter.

There is no statistical difference in how Christians and non-Christians use money. The average person spends \$1.26 for every \$1.00 earned. Credit cards carry an average total balance of \$10,679. Young married Christians spend 24% of their income on debt.

Only 6% - 8% of individuals actually tithe. The average giving percentage in the church is 2.5% of your income. 25% - 50% of Christians rarely if ever give anything to a ministry.

CONCLUSION:

Generosity bridles discontentment!

Awareness drives generosity and generosity bridles discontentment! (Andy Stanley)

Challenge: What are you going to do to bridle your discontentment?