

Part One: Investment Banking

Do you use money or does money use you? The truth is that money is a great tool but a terrible master. If money stresses you out, makes you feel anxious or has let you down, it's time to replace money with a higher priority.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV

Bottom Line: Jesus doesn't want our dollars he wants our devotion.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What are the most fun purchases you have ever made with money? What are the most stressful circumstances you've encountered when it comes to money?
- 2. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What does it look like for people to be arrogant with their money? Compare and contrast the life of someone who trusts in riches and one who trusts God. What would the emotional, material and spiritual differences be?
- 3. How do being generous and 'taking hold of that which is truly life' relate to one another? In what ways does being generous help to build a strong foundation for the future that Paul is talking about?
- 4. Jesus said that you cannot serve both God and money. In what ways do many people 'serve' the god of money? What kind of master is money? How would you know if money has become your master?

Moving Forward

What are some reasons why people find it difficult to be generous? Which of these are things that you struggle against? What are some practices that might help you move towards generosity?