

## HUGG Study Guide for the Week of 4/22/2018



**“Developing the Mindset for wealth!”**  
**1 Timothy 6:9-10 & Matthew 6:19-24 (GNT)**  
**Senior Pastor Joshua Beckley**

Sermon online @ "YouTube" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4yE0t0ek84euNz419gTgWg>

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST: 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14-16**

Continue to pray for group requests throughout the week.  
Pray for your family and friends and these Ecclesia needs:

- CTBK
- Test the Tithe Pledgers
- The Ecclesia leadership for continue spiritual guidance
- Ecclesia ministries

### **TEXTS UNDER VIEW: 1 Timothy 6:9-10 & Matthew 6:19-24 (GNT)**

**9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and are caught in the trap of many foolish and harmful desires, which pull them down to ruin and destruction.**

**19 “Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. 20 Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot break in and steal. 21 For your heart will always be where your riches are. 22 “The eyes are like a lamp for the body. If your eyes are sound, your whole body will be full of light; 23 but if your eyes are no good, your body will be in darkness. So if the light in you is darkness, how terribly dark it will be! 24 “You cannot be a slave of two masters; you will hate one and love the other; you will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.**

### **COMMENTARY: On the Christian view of money.** 1 Timothy 6 - IVP New Testament Commentaries

Paul has intended all along to teach a Christian view of money. The false teachers have provided a vivid contrast for instruction. Thus for Paul the Christian goal is a genuine relationship with God, our source of contentment, and a healthy detachment from material things. This combination is great gain. In contrast to 6:5, gain here is measured according to spiritual rather than material value. Eternal benefits are surely promised, but the focus is on how the believer with this healthy perspective can avoid the many pitfalls of greed in the present life. The Eternal Perspective (6:7). To ground his view of contentment, Paul draws on Old Testament wisdom. Both Job 1:21 and Ecclesiastes 5:15 expound the principle that material things belong only to this world. Things have no lasting value and provide no eternal advantage. Therefore one's contentment cannot stem from things. Human contact with the material world begins at birth and terminates at death. But Christian hope takes the believer beyond the material limit to a boundless eternity, and logically, then, eternal values must shape our view of temporal things. To put it simply, Job and Paul mean that "things," their value and usefulness, pertain to this world, which is but a temporary home (compare Heb. 11:10). Material Sufficiency (6:8). This leads to a question: For the Christian how much is enough? Paul's

principle implies a standard of material sufficiency that is minimal indeed. Food and clothing ought to be enough. While Paul may be quoting popular philosophy, it is far more likely that he is drawing from the model of Christ (Mt 6:25-34; Lk 12:16-21). He does not say anything negative about living above this minimum standard, though he will teach that life at a higher material level carries with it heavy obligations. But he does say that real contentment and material prosperity have nothing to do with one another. And acquisitiveness has nothing to do with godliness. How can the Christian learn to be content with simple living? Certainly not by accepting the standards set by this world. Paul suggests that an eternal perspective and an attitude of detachment toward things are prerequisites. As an eternal perspective develops, dependence on things material will decline. <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/commentaries/IVP-NT/1Tim/Christian-View-Money>

## LOOK BACK:

1. **According to scripture, is money evil? Discuss what is its purpose in this world?**

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## LOOK UP:

*v.17 Command those who are rich in the things of this life not to be proud, but to place their hope, not in such an uncertain thing as riches, but in God, who generously gives us everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share with others. 19 In this way they will store up for themselves a treasure which will be a solid foundation for the future. And then they will be able to win the life which is true life.*

2. **Discuss in your group, can wealthy Christians serve God faithfully? If so, how? Ref. John 6:24.**

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3. **Share how the message in Sunday sermon describe three points how the adversary uses money?**

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4. **Read and discuss with your group; James 5: 1-5, how material things (i.e. riches) can destroy Christian?**

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## LOOK FORWARD:

5. **What part of Sunday sermon helped you to understand the relationship between Christians and money?**

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