

## WEALTH AND AFFLUENCE

### The Lies

“You are what you own”

Identity

Status and significance

“Wealth provides...”

Well-being

Security

...and more is better

“Do whatever it takes to get wealth”

What will we trade for wealth?

## The Danger

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**.

I Timothy 6:9-10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

I Timothy 6:10

## God's Truth/Protection

But He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one is affluent does his life consist of his possessions."

Luke 12:15 NASB

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:20-21 NASB

"Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint.

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.

Proverbs 23:4-5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6

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**Action:**

Recognize greed when it appears

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

I Timothy 6:6-8

Cultivate contentment

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.

I Timothy 6:17

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I Timothy 6:18-

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Adjust your attitudes about wealth

Identity and security

Practice generosity

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I Timothy 6:18-

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