

Generous

Mark 10:22-23, Luke 16:13, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Matthew 6:21, 2, 31-32, 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 ESV

Fall

Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"
[Mar 10:22-23 ESV]

No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."
[Luk 16:13 ESV]

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
[2Co 9:7 ESV]

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
[Mat 6:21 ESV]

"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ... 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.
[Mat 6:2, 31-32 ESV]

But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 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. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ... 17 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. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.
[1Ti 6:6-10, 17-19 ESV]

We view everything in this life through the lens of: creation, fall and redemption

Good stewards are supposed to be sacrificially and joyfully generous

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The love of money leads people to idolatry

The rich, young, ruler

Is money our master?

The more wealth we have...the harder it becomes to make spiritual progress

The simplest way to break our slavery to the love of money...is to give it away!

Does God want to increase our standard of living...or our standard of giving?

Would we be willing to give up everything...to follow Jesus?

Where our treasure is...(the way we steward God's resources reveals where our idols are)

What's the solution?

Christ followers are supposed to live radically generous lives in this fallen world!

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