

# Some Money Traps

I Tim 6:6-11

## Introduction:

- A. Paul warns Timothy against falling to money traps (vv. 9-11)
  - 1. A problem for both rich and poor (cf. Prov. 30:8, 9)
  - 2. Especially a problem for Christians in times of prosperity.
- B. Some “money traps”:

## Discussion:

- I. Tying Security Material Things (Lk. 12:15).**
  - A. Produces worry. (Mt. 6:34-34).
  - B. Crowds out word. (Mt. 13:22)
  - C. Over-dependance (cf. Simon Acts 8).
- II. A Self-inflated Living Standard. (1 Tim. 6:8; cf. “Keeping up with Jones”)**
  - A. Maintaining it takes time away from family.
    - 1. “Moonlighting” fathers.
    - 2. Working mothers. (cf. Tit. 2:5)
    - 3. Even working children.
  - B. Maintaining crowds out spiritual exercise.
    - 1. No time for study or prayer.
    - 2. No time for church serves - Bible classes.
    - 3. No time to teach, visit, etc.
- III. Abusing Surplus.**
  - A. Go places don’t need to go: wild parties, worldly clubs, etc.
  - B. Buy things don’t need to buy: Alcohol, drugs, etc.
  - C. Children with too much spending money.
- IV. Hoarding Riches.**
  - A. By failing to pay just wages. (Jas. 5:1-5).
  - B. By failing to give as should. (cf. Mal. 3:8).
  - C. By failing to care for our own. (1 Tim. 5:8).
  - D. By sponging while have means. (cf. 1 Tim. 5:4,16)
- V. Measuring Success In Dollars and Cents. (1 Tim. 6:5; Cf. Phil. 4:11,12).**
  - A. Successes with money: Abraham, Joseph of Armathea cf. 1 Tim. 6:19-20.
  - B. Successes without money: Jesus (Lk. 9:58); Paul (1 Cor. 4:10-13)
  - C. Failures with money (Rev. 3:17; Lk. 12:16-21; Mk. 8:36).
  - D. Failures without money. (Prov. 30:9; Eph. 4:28).
- VI. Thinking Of Basic Human Needs In Economic Terms (cf. Lk. 12:15; Mt. 4:4)**
  - A. The social gospel concept.
  - B. Child rearing concepts.
- VII. Trying To Buy Respect With Donations. (Mt. 6:1-4)**
  - A. Using charity to feed own ego.
  - B. Forgetting real reward of giving. (cf. Acts 20:35).
- VIII. Substituting Dollars For Deeds (1 Tim. 6:18; cf. 2 Cor. 8:5).**
  - A. In home: child rearing, hospitality.
  - B. In community: Send check easier than going (cf. Mt. 25:42-45; Jas. 1:27).
  - C. In church: Pay preacher to do our study, teaching, etc. — Miss the point that we need to do the work for personal growth. (cf. Heb. 5:12-14).

## Conclusion:

- A. Thank God for prosperity - pray for wisdom to use it.
- B. Trust God, not riches.