

*Guard the Truth*  
For the Love of Money  
1 Timothy 6:2b-10

**Question: The love of money – how dangerous is it, really?**

**I. The Context: The False Teachers (3-5)**

- ~ Their missing the mark on Jesus (3)
- ~...results in conceit, and an unhealthy craving for controversy (4-5a)
- ~...and the mistaken thought that godliness leads to financial gain (5b)

**II. The Contrast: Godliness + Contentment = Gain; while the Love of Money + Its Pursuit = Ruin and Destruction (6-10)**

- ~ You can't take it with you so be content and know great gain (6-8)
- ~ ...for the desire to get rich is a snare/trap (9a)
- ~ ...and the trap leads to ruin (9b)
- ~ The wise person will see that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil (10a)
- ~ You only have to look around to see examples of this (10b)

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**Point to Ponder:** Jesus told us that: *"where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Mt.6:21) This suggests that our treasure (or our wealth) can be a window into our heart. **What would our checkbook say about our heart?** To a man controlled by his wealth Jesus lovingly invited him to give it away (Mk. 10:17-21). When Jesus transformed a man, who was once controlled by his pursuit of wealth, the man responded by giving his wealth away (Lk. 19:1-10). **If one tool for loosening our grip on our possessions and lessening our desire for more is generosity, then consider how we might grow measurably in generosity this year.**

**Next Week:**

Next Sunday morning we continue in our sermon series entitled *Guard the Truth* by considering **1 Timothy 6:11-16** 'Charge!'

