

## Getting Started

1. How often do you find yourself worrying about money? Is it something you think about often or not much at all?
2. Have you ever deceived someone over money? Why?
3. If money were not an issue, what type of work would you want to do?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain

## Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 110

### **Q. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?**

A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law.<sup>1</sup>

But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate,<sup>2</sup> such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God.<sup>3</sup>

In addition God forbids all greed<sup>4</sup> and pointless squandering of his gifts.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ex. 22:1; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 6:9-10 <sup>2</sup> Mic. 6:9-11; Luke 3:14; James 5:1-6 <sup>3</sup> Deut. 25:13-16; Ps. 15:5; Prov. 11:1; 12:22; Ezek. 45:9-12; Luke 6:35 <sup>4</sup> Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:5 <sup>5</sup> Prov. 21:20; 23:20-21; Luke 16:10-13

If theft includes all that is detailed in the answer above, are you guilty of theft?

6. How does 1 Timothy 6:2-10 tie in with 1 Timothy 4:1-5?
7. Read Titus 1:10-16. Is it possible for people who claim to be Christians to be deceivers? How can you test their teaching? How are we to respond to them?
8. Why can Christians be content? See 2 Cor. 12:9&10; Phil 4:11, 13.

## Application

9. The love of money is an idol in our culture. We have to have the proper perspective regarding money. If we recognize all that we have belongs to God and is given to us by him, we can use money in a healthy way. How do you ensure you have a healthy view of money?

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## Christian Finance

### “Perspective”

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.

1 Timothy 6:10

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

- We have to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ on money.

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