

Faith and Treasure

1. The Bible says that "the love of money is the root of all types (or kinds) of evil." In what way does the love of money assist in certain kinds of evil coming out in our lives and in society?:
2. If it is true that the love of money aids in the production of certain evils, does it **always** lead to these evils? Can the right attitude toward it do **good** as well? Think of an example of money leading to good:
3. According to the following scriptures, where does the money we have come from?:
 - Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NIV)
 - I Chronicles 29:12 (NIV)
 - Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)
4. What are some of the specific dangers that the gift of money and possessions can present to us humans?:
 - I Timothy 6:9
 - Matthew 19:23
 - Mark 4:19

5. Read Hebrews 11:6 and Deuteronomy 8:13,14. What do you think: is "faith" something we are to use specifically in the process of accumulation and distribution of money?

What do you think might happen if we ignored "faith" in the way we collected and spent money?

6. Let us assume for a moment that **faith** means something on the order of "trusting as true what God has said about man and his condition" or "the statements from God about heaven and earth are accurate and we should live by them." According to the following verses, what truth is God asking us to *believe in* or *have faith in* ?:

- Matthew 6:19,20

- Luke 12:29-34

- I Timothy 6:17-19

7. This week's focus on care and prayer...

How much faith goes into the use of money in your home? That is a very personal question! So is this one: If someone went to the vault in heaven where your valuables -- the ones you sent on ahead -- were kept, how much would be there?

There is a reward for everyone that operates by faith in the area of money. Thank Him for the reward, and if faith is lacking here, ask for His guidance.