

## Questions for Reflection

1. Do you tend to think of money (or the things it can buy) more as a tool or a treasure? Give some examples.
2. Have you ever thought you would be more generous if you had more money? Has it been true in the past? Why or why not?
3. What are some areas where you currently want *pluteo*?
4. What would it look like for you to choose contentment in this area?



## Tool or Treasure

Scripture has a lot to say about \_\_\_\_\_.

Believers live according to a different \_\_\_\_\_ than the world.

- Economy: the environment that tells us what's \_\_\_\_\_ and worth \_\_\_\_\_.

The world's economy tells us money is an \_\_\_\_\_!

The Kingdom economy tells us money is a \_\_\_\_\_, but also a \_\_\_\_\_! (Luke 16:1-9)

## Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:3-18

***“These are the things you are to teach and insist on. If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing.” (vs. 3-4)***

Paul tells Timothy that money \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

- \_\_\_\_\_ teaches more about money than any other topic.

***“Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” (vs. 9)***

Money isn't the root of all evil.

Money is a terrible \_\_\_\_\_, but a great \_\_\_\_\_.

Vs 9 – “Get rich” = *pluteo* (Greek) = \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Pluteo* creates an emotion where we don't desire what we have, we desire one step beyond it.
- The item isn't the trap, the trap is “\_\_\_\_\_.”

### The Solution to *Pluteo*?

***“But godliness with \_\_\_\_\_ is great gain.” (vs. 6)***

- *Autarkeia* (Greek) = “\_\_\_\_\_,” I'm complete.

### Exception:

It's virtually impossible for someone who doesn't have their basic needs met not to be \_\_\_\_\_ with money.

***“If we have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we will be content with that.” (vs. 8)***

We cannot rely on our \_\_\_\_\_ to make us content. Contentment is a \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ has virtually nothing to do with how much money you have. It flows from only from contentment.

*“When you spend your time thinking about what you would do if you had \_\_\_\_\_, you don't spend enough time doing \_\_\_\_\_ with what you already have.”*

*But*

*“Only when you choose \_\_\_\_\_, you'll do what God wants with what you currently have.”*

***“Put your hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our \_\_\_\_\_.” (vs. 17)***

Remember:

- We are not meant to \_\_\_\_\_ alone.
- The most enjoyable things are not the things \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_.