

Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. Which of the six lessons our economy teaches us do you find yourself tempted by? Give examples of each.
2. Look at each of the lessons and replace them with what God's economy teaches us? (For example #1: instead of "I *deserve* what I have." God's economy would teach, "God has given me everything I have.")
3. Have you ever experienced the consequences of a desire for "more?" Tell the story.
4. What are some areas where you currently want *pluteo*?
5. Think of a time when you have shared with others and it has given you (and them) joy! Would you say that sharing is natural for you? In what ways might you be able to share more?



An economy is the environment that tells you what's _____ and worth _____ and what's not.

What our economy teaches us:

1. "I _____ what I have."
2. Since I _____ it, I can do what I want with it (but I should probably give a little of it away).
3. People say money won't make me happy, but I'm willing to give it a try.
4. I'm not trying to get _____, but my life would be better if I had a little _____.
5. Having more makes me more _____.
6. God doesn't _____ what I do with my money.

We live in this economy, but are _____ of another.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:3-18

Paul tells Timothy that money _____ to God. (vs. 3-4)

- _____ teaches more about money than any other topic.

Money matters to God because he wants us to be _____.

“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.” (vs. 9)

Money isn't the root of all evil. Money is a _____.

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* itself isn't the trap. The trap is “_____.”

Paul's Answer:

“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)

Contentment is a _____.

“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.”

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

God says we *can* _____ some of what he has given us!

_____ is the greatest _____!