

HAPPY MONEY

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY? PART 3

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- How much more money would it take to make you happy?
- How much more money would it take to give you peace?
Answer: *More than you currently have.*

The relationship between your money and your happiness is _____.

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Luke 16:13

- Jesus taught that if you don't manage your money properly, your money will manage you.

Jesus taught that money is God's number-one competitor for your _____.

- Our objection: "I don't love money and stuff."
- Jesus defines love: "devoted to."

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- Has your desire for something ever caused you to do something you regret?
- Desire for = Devotion to

How Do We Let "Stuff" Become Our Master?

1. _____
- I'm never satisfied with what I have, because I know what you have, and I know what there is to have.

2. _____
- Greed is the assumption that its all for my consumption. If you assume everything that comes to you is for you, you will use it all on you.

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves, but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:21

3. _____
- "I want" is better than "I owe."
 - "I want" has the potential to rob you of happiness...
 - "I owe" will rob you of happiness.
 - "I want" can be satisfied by God.
 - "I owe" is between you and your creditor, and God sides with the creditor.
 - Don't trade your peace, for some thing that won't bring you peace.

The borrower is slave to the lender. Proverbs 22:7

How Do We Make God Master Of Our Money?

Generosity and Wisdom

Give --- Save --- Live

- Giving will bring you joy
- Saving will bring you peace
- Living on the rest will bring you freedom (you don't owe).

Conclusion

- Money contributes to your happiness if you manage it well.
- Money won't make you happy, but generosity and wisdom with money will.