

## **The Good Life**

### **Part Two - Making Good Money**

- **Money is neither good nor evil.**

#### **1 Timothy 6:10**

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

#### **Malachi 3:8-9**

“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse - your whole nation - because you are robbing me.”

- **While money itself isn't evil, there is a spirit on money that is.**

#### **Matthew 6:24**

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

#### **Malachi 3:9**

“You are under a curse - your whole nation - because you are robbing me.”

#### **Luke 16:11**

And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?

- **We cannot make ‘good’ money but we can make money good.**

#### **1 Timothy 6:18**

(The rich) are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

### **Ways to Make Money Good**

#### **1. Give to those in need.**

##### **1 John 3:17**

If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion - how can God's love be in that person?

#### **2. Manage it well.**

**Luke 14:28-30**

“Which of you, wishing to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has the resources to complete it? 29 Otherwise, if he lays the foundation and is unable to finish the work, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This man could not finish what he started to build.’”

**3. Use it to take care of your family.****1 Timothy 5:8**

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

**4. Establish an emergency fund.****Proverbs 21:20**

The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.

**5. Put it to work for you.****Proverbs 13:11**

Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

• **When you live the good life, you don't serve money - money serves you as you serve the Lord.**

**Deuteronomy 8:18**

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.