

LUKE Lesson 43

The Love of Money; (Chapter 16:13-18)

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The use of money became necessary when sin was introduced into this world. Thankfully God has given us some principles for the proper use of money so that we can avoid the tragedies that come from the love of money.

Vs 13 No servant can serve two masters. It is impossible to live for material things (mammon) and the things of God. You have to choose which one you will serve and devote your life to. Which one will be the primary influence in your life; God or the pursuit of money?

1 Timothy 6:10 The love of money will cause you to err from the faith, which will hurt you (ruin your life) and cause many sorrows. If your riches increase, that is not a sin, but don't set your heart upon them (Psalm 62:10). Covetousness: wanting more than what God has given you. Be content.

Ecclesiastes 10:19 Money answereth all things. Whenever you can't figure out why somebody ended up like they did, or why they did some ungodly thing, it had something to do with the love of money.

14-15 The covetous Pharisees derided (ridiculed) the Lord for His teaching about the love of mammon (material things). They loved mammon more than they loved the people they were supposed to be serving. They tried to justify their wealth, but God knew what was in their hearts.
Men highly esteem those who have material wealth. God counts that estimation as an abomination.

16-17 Jesus mentions the preaching of the kingdom of God in this passage on money because these Pharisees' love of money was interfering with and hindering and replacing the preaching of the word. Preachers who spend most of their time trying to persuade people to give money end up turning people away from the church. Preach the word! (Rom 10:8, 2 Tim 4:2). Put God first and He will take care of your needs (Luke 12:31).

Vs 18 Why does the Lord discuss divorce in a passage about coveting money? Because money problems are the number one cause of divorce.

Blaming each other for money spent.

Selfish behavior over things purchased (this is mine).

Disrupting the God-ordained family unit by putting the wife to work (for more money). This will also expose her to men who will try to lure her into adultery.

What the Bible Says about Divorce

Malachi 2:11-16

1. First, make sure the one you marry is faithful to the Lord. If they're not, it will harm your own spiritual life. You'll want to serve God, but they'll want to serve mammon. Jesus said you cannot do both.
 2. God doesn't recognize your divorce and hates it (vs 16). The "wife of your youth" (vs 14) is the wife of thy covenant. In marriage, two are made one by God. He doesn't undo that. That's why Jesus said remarriage while both parties are still living is adultery.
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Ephesians 5:31-32

1. Two are joined to become one flesh (vs 31, Gen 2:21). Our marriage is suppose to manifest our relationship to Jesus Christ and be a testimony to that fact. If our marriage pictures our union to Christ, divorce does not fit!
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Romans 7:1-3

1. The marriage bond is for life. If you leave that marriage bond for another, you are committing adultery.
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1 Corinthians 7:8-15, 39-40, 20

1. In marriage, the wife is commanded not to depart. If she does, she violates that commandment, but must not remarry. The abandoned husband must not put her away (no divorce).
 2. Death severs the marriage relationship (vs 39).
 3. By the time you get saved, you may have already been through 1 or more divorces. You are commanded to remain in your current situation (vs 20). You can't undo your past. Serve God to the best of your ability.
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Gentlemen: cleave to your wife; not to your money. You can't love both. Treat your bride right and the blessings will follow.

Ladies: don't demand more from your husband than is possible. Be satisfied if your needs are being met.