



# STUDY GUIDE

## GOOD SAYINGS GONE BAD 09.15.2019

### [start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:  
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### [set up]

What is the danger of viewing money primarily as a means for personal fulfillment?

How often have you heard the phrase, “Money is the root of evil” in your life? Has that phrase had any impact on how you view or interact with money?

### [digging deeper]

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and answer the following questions:

- Is money evil?
- Is the love of money the root of all evil?
- What is the real issue that God is addressing in these passages?

The words “temptation,” “snare,” “ruin,” “destruction,” “evils,” and “pangs” are very strong words. Sad words. Get out a large Post It note and list as many examples that come to mind of how chasing after money leads to experiencing these words.

Being honest with your LifeGroup, share which one of the examples on the list has been a past or present struggle for you. Also share how God has shown up to help you overcome it and what practical actions have helped you as well.

Read the following verses and summarize what you see in these passages:

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Hebrews 13:5

Matthew 6:24

Proverbs 23:4-5

Proverbs 30:8-9

How does the use of your money expose an area where you need to experience heart change?

Going back to 1 Timothy 6:6-8, what is our defense against not loving money?

How would you define contentment?

Read Philippians 4:11-12. How does this verse encourage you? How does it discourage you?

On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high) how would you rank your current state of contentment? What would need to change in your life to increase your contentment level?

What part of contentment is *within* our control? In other words, there are action steps we can take to grow in these areas. What part of contentment is *outside of* our control? In other words, we need God's help to grow in these areas.

How does knowing you are a child of God help you deal with financial issues?

## **[living it out]**

Take out another Post It note and draw a line down the middle. Fill up the left side with ideas of action steps we can take to grow in contentment. Fill up the right side with prayers that we can pray asking God to help us grow in contentment.

Pick one from each side to commit to starting this next week.

Get into smaller groups of 2-3 people and share which ones you picked and pray for each other over those action steps.