

READINGS FOR SEEKERS
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Quotations to Consider:

“A penny saved is a penny earned (got).” Benjamin Franklin

“Money is the root of all evil.” An incomplete quotation of 1 Timothy 6:10a: “For the love of money is the root of many kinds of evil.”

“We brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it.” 1 Timothy 6:7a

“It is preoccupation with possessions, more than anything else, that prevents (people) from living freely and nobly.” Bertrand Russell

“You cannot serve God and wealth.” Matthew 6:24b/ Luke 16:13b

“Penny wise, pound foolish.” Robert Burton (1577-1640)

“One’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Luke 12:15b ©

“Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire.” James 5:1-3a

“Goods which are not shared are not goods.” Fernando De Rojas (c. 1465-c. 1538)

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21/Luke 12:34

1 Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-19 NRSV(Updated)

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, **7** for we brought nothing into the world, so that[a] we can take nothing out of it, **8** but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. **9** But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Timothy 6:17-19 NRSV (Updated)

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, **19** thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Matthew 6:24-33

24 “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.[a]

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,[b] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?[c] **28** And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ **32** For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God[d] and his[e] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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