

# Faith, Stress & Money

## *Rethinking Biblical Faith in a Down Economy*



### 1. Realize \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.5b-19)

### 2. Acquire \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.6-9, 17)

### 3. Aim \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.18-19)

1 Timothy 6:5-19

<sup>5b</sup> ... who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

<sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

<sup>9</sup> People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs...

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

<sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How would you rate your susceptibility to worry or anxiety when financial times are tough?
2. Read **1 Timothy 6:9-10**. What are some of the "temptations" and "traps" that line the path of those who set their heart on being financially rich?
3. Read **1 Timothy 6:17**. How does this passage prevent you from feeling guilty when and if God entrusts you with an abundance?
4. Read **Philippians 4:6-7**. How specific would you suggest a Christian be in their prayers during difficult financial times?
5. Read **Matthew 6:19-21**. How would you help a young person understand the practical outlook of someone who heeds the words of Christ in this passage?
6. Read **1 Timothy 6:18**. How will you be generous in regard to your finances this week?

## Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this  
week's schedule:

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Esth. 5-6 & Ps. 79-80*

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Esth. 7-8 & Ps. 81-82*

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*Esth. 9-10 & Ps. 83-84*

**July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
*Job 1-2 & Ps. 85-86*

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*Job 3-4 & Ps. 87-88*

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
*Job 5-6 & Ps. 89*

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*Job 7-8 & Ps. 90-91*

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Job 9-10 & Ps. 92-93*

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

- CD # 0721 – **Ambitious Faith: Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**
- CD # 0805 – **Money Madness: Finding Peace in the Storm of Materialism**
- CD # 0322 – **Where You're Planted: When the Grass Looks Greener**
- CD # 0416 – **Money, Money, Money: A Truncated Theology of Green Paper**
- CD # 0417 – **Using Money for Good: Making Sense of Offerings, Tithing & Temple Taxes**
- CD # 9834 – **Y2K Mania: A Biblical Perspective**

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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