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Study to show "The Way of True Life." Bible Study Outline

TOPIC: **God's Design for Handling Money**
TEXT: **1Timothy 6: 6-10 & 17-19**

Instructions: - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone can participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: After his return from a visit to Europe, an early Chinese philosopher declared, "The European god is not so large as the Chinese. It is so small that one can take it in the hand. It is sound, made of silver and gold, bears weapons and inscriptions, and is called money." Money and possessions can tyrannize a marriage and wreck a relationship. That's why the Bible makes repeated demands on our attitude toward and use of money. We must be liberated from the idol of money if we are to achieve God's best in our marriages. Paul's counsel to Timothy can help us overcome the issues. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

Discussion Questions:

1. Money represents different things to different people: control, status, security, freedom, pleasure, etc. What did you learn about the meaning of money from your parents? Do you agree or disagree with them? Explain.
2. How do contented people and those who want to get rich differ in their attitudes toward money?
3. Think about someone you see as contented and godly. How would you describe the "great gain" that has come to that person (v. 1)?
4. God speaks against laziness (Proverbs 24:30-34) and neglecting one's family (1 Timothy 5:8). How are they different from being content?
5. People have basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. However, society often creates additional wants in our minds. How can people with a godly perspective learn to be content when their needs are met?
6. Credit cards, Installmental plans, and impulse purchases can ruin individuals and marriages financially. How can these traps be avoided? Discuss with examples.
7. The passage in verses 9-10 cautions against making money your ultimate goal. Can you clarify if it actually does so in real-life situations we face daily?
8. What limits are you willing to put on your standard of living to have time with your family and

to give to those in need?

9. Why do the wealthy need to follow the three commands in verse 17 of 1 Timothy 6:17-19?

10. God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment, according to verse 17. What does it mean to you to live, considering this fact?

11. 10. How can we become "wealthy" in the way God desires (v. 18)? How can a regular savings plan be part of obeying these commands?

12. What benefits will result from our right attitudes toward and use of money (v. 19)? What assurance do we have? Discuss.

13. Could you clarify the meaning of verses 17-19 and explain how the perspective presented there on the eternal significance of money is counter-cultural?

14. Recall a disagreement you had with your spouse regarding money. How would adopting an attitude of contentment, gaining a better perspective on the value of money, feeling secure in God's provision, and understanding the responsibility to share your finances impact how you responded to that disagreement?

Special Note:

If you want to keep track of your spending habits, start by maintaining a detailed record of every penny you spend for two weeks. Use a notebook to jot down every expenditure as soon as it is made. After two weeks, take a closer look at your spending patterns and identify areas where you can make changes.

You can also purchase a budget book from a stationery store and create a budget plan. Discuss each item with your spouse and review it after two months to evaluate how well the plan is working. Make necessary changes to your budgeting strategy accordingly.