**MONEY RELATED WICKEDNESS**

* Text: I Timothy 6:9-10
* But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.
* 1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

INTRO:

* What are the deceitfulness of riches again?
* Money is the answer to all things
* Money equates to love and attention
* No money, no honey
* Money can give lots of friends
* Money is the solution to poverty
* Money preserve or prolong life
* Money makes you rich
* Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man will abound with blessings,
* But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

AIM:

* FOR US TO STUDY MONEY RELATED WICKEDNESS
* FOR US TO BE FREE FROM IT
* FOR US TO SERVE THE LORD ACCEPTABLY

I. THOSE WHO HASTENS TO BE RICH WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED

* How come?
* Eager to be rich (NIV)
* Will not be innocent (KJV)
* I Timothy 6:9- Those who desire to be rich will fall into temptation and a snare
* To desire-to will deliberately, have a purpose, be minded
* Innocent-to be empty, be clear, be pure, be free, be innocent, be desolate, be cut off, be purged
* Illustration:
* 1 Sam 7:3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, “If you return to the LORD with all
* If you’re not free you’ll not go unpunished
* 1Cor 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.
* 1 Cor 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.
* Ist judge-Greek word diakrino
* to separate, make a distinction, discriminate,
* To withdraw from one, to separate one’s self
* 2nd judge- Greek Word krino
* to pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong
* to pronounce judgment or pass judgment on the deeds and words of others
* It has to with punishment
* If you don’t krino (punishment) then you have to diakrino (separate or free from )

II. GREEDINESS

* An excessive desire to acquire or possess more than what one needs or deserves, especially with respect to material wealth
* to stretch one's self out in order to touch or to grasp something
* to reach after or desire something
* to give one's self up to the love of money
* Eph 4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the
* Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,
* Eph 4:18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;
* Eph 4:19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

III. COVETOUSNESS

* Col 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
* Excessively and culpably desirous of the possessions of another.
* Exodus 20:17 “You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey,

nor anything that is your neighbour's.”

* Luke 12:15 And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”

IV. FRAUD

* the crime of using dishonest methods to take something valuable from another person.
* a person who pretends to be what he or she is not in order to trick
* Vine’s Expository dictionary- means "to keep back, deprive“
* Ex. Rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31
* James 5:4 Indeed the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabath.
* Deuteronomy 24:15 “Each day you shall give him his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the LORD, and it be sin to you.
* How about our government taxes, are we not keeping back?
* Ananias and Sapphira died for keeping back-Acts 5:1-10
* Act 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.
* Act 5:2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

V. STEALING

* to take (the property of another or others) without permission or right, especially secretly or by force.
* 7TH Commandment- Thou shall not steal
* This could be in little things
* Ex. Taking supplies from work like bond paper, gloves, wipes, medicine, etc
* Moral principle-value does not change the definition of your action
* Stealing a £1 and stealing £1 million are both stealing
* Ephesians 4:28, Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labour, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

VI. ROBBERY

* The taking of money or goods in the possession of another, from his or her person or immediate presence, by force or intimidation
* Remember that if you don’t give your Tithes and offerings to God- it is robbery before Him

VII. MURDER

* James 4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?
* James 4:2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

VIII. WARS

* a situation in which people or groups compete with or fight against each other”
* a struggle or competition between opposing forces”.
* Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.
* The war outside is just a result of the war inside us
* Nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom, brother against a brother, or wife against husband
* They could be fighting for power, authority, or influence brought about by money

IX. EXTORTION

* “to seize or carry off by force” which denotes plundering.
* The ones prone for extortion are the soldiers
* Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.” (Luke 3:14).
* Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord. And the priests’ custom with the people was that when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest’s servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling. Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the
* Israelites who came there. Also, before they burned the fat, the priest’s servant would come and say to the man who sacrificed, “Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw.” And if the man said to him, “They should really burn the fat first; then you may take as much as your heart desires,” he would then answer him, “No, but you must give it now; and if not,
* I will take it by force.” Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for men abhorred the offering of the Lord. (I Samuel 2:12-17).

X. CORRUPTION

* Dishonest or illegal behaviour especially by powerful people (such as government officials or police officers)
* something that has been changed from its original form
* “And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the discerning and perverts the words of the righteous (Exodus 23:8).

CHALLENGE:

* Are you free from all of these wickedness?
* If not, you will not go unpunished.

CONCLUSION:

* Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man will abound with blessings,
* But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.
* Galatians 5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.