ALDERWOOD

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Title: What Wealth Cannot Buy
Texts: 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Big Idea: Wealth cannot buy us a meaningful life.

Greed is holding tight to what you have, using it for yourself, and always wanting more.

John 10:10 I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

Jesus gives us life that money could never buy.

The abundant life Jesus offers:
- True contentment

1 Timothy 6:6 godliness with contentment is great gain.

Philippians 4:11-13 I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself. I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content... I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.

1 Timothy 6:7-8 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out. If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

The abundant life Jesus offers:
- True contentment
- Godly desires

1 Timothy 6:9-10 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

James 5:5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth and have indulged yourselves. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

Having money isn't the problem. Loving it is.

Why We Love Money…

- Fear of the future
- Feeding our Pride
- Envy of others

Colossians 3:5 Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 But you, man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of eternal life to which you were called and about which you have made a good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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1 Timothy 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy.

1 Timothy 6:18-19a Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age…

1 Timothy 6:19b so that they may take hold of what is truly life.

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How can you pursue generosity today?

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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LOOK BACK (5-10 MINUTES)

Open your group with a moment to **connect** and look back.

1. How is everyone doing? Did anything notable happen this week?
2. Did anything in the reading for this week impact you?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (30-45 MINUTES)

No one likes to talk about money in church. Except for Jesus. He talked about it all the time—not because he wanted something from us, but because he wants something for us.

In this three-week series, we're going to wrestle with three simple but searching questions: **Who is your master? What do you love? Who will you trust?** As we listen to the teaching of Jesus and the wisdom of Scripture, we'll discover that money isn't just a resource—it's a revealer. It exposes our hearts, shapes our lives, and quietly competes for our allegiance. This week, we are in **1 Timothy 6:6-19, and the big idea is: Wealth cannot buy us a meaningful life.**

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Have someone read **1 Timothy 6:6-8** and **Philippians 4:11-13**. Paul states that "godliness with contentment is great gain," pointing out that basic needs like food and clothing are enough. Why is true contentment so rare in a culture built on constant upgrades and accumulation?
2. Have someone read **1 Timothy 6:9-10**. The text warns that the desire to be rich plunges people into ruin, and the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. How does the definition of greed—"holding tight to what you have, using it for yourself, and always wanting more"—show up in subtle ways even when someone doesn't consider themselves wealthy?
3. Have someone read **John 10:10** alongside **1 Timothy 6:7**. Jesus promises an abundant life that money can never purchase, reminding us that worldly possessions end at the grave. What are the essential qualities of the "abundant life" Jesus offers that earthly riches cannot provide?
4. The sermon highlights that the abundant life of Jesus reshapes our appetites toward godly desires rather than harmful cravings. What is one specific consumer habit or desire where you need to **grow** in contentment by trusting that Christ is enough?
5. Since holding tight to wealth isolates us while generosity reflects God's abundance, how can you **go** and use your time, money, or possessions this week to bless someone in need, demonstrating that your treasure is in Jesus rather than material things?

CLOSE AND PRAY (5-10 MINUTES)

As the discussion comes to a close, transition to a time of prayer. Praying together is one of the best ways for your group to **connect.** Often, splitting into smaller groups for prayer can be beneficial. This can look many different ways, but the goal is for your group to be comfortable praying together, sharing what is really going on in your lives, and asking God to work as you follow Jesus together.