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What about Spending Money on Myself? Part 2
I Timothy 6:9-10, 17-19

Can I spend money on myself without feeling guilty?

The answer is YES!

1. Yes, BUT You need to Learn Contentment,
v. 6.

Three things I am learning about contentment...

- A. *Contentment Accepts God's Sovereignty!*
- B. *Contentment _____ God's Gifts!*
- C. *Contentment Praises God's Name!*

2. Be Aware of the Errors

- A. *Prosperity Gospel is refuted by I Tim. 6:5.*
- B. *Misplaced Trust is refuted by I Timothy 6:17.*
- C. *Asceticism is refuted by Colossians 2:16-23.*
- D. *Materialism is refuted by I Timothy 6:6-17.*

3. Yes, But Avoid the

What is the temptation that God warns us about?

The goal to _____!

v. 9 - "they that will be rich" - those who desire to be rich.

The Bible is not so much concerned about how much you have or don't have, but where your heart is. The goal to be rich is condemned.

"Greedy people are compulsive - they are continually trapped in sins by their consuming desire to acquire more."

You don't have to be rich to struggle with the temptation of wanting more.

Proof - Millions who _____!!!

Gambling in US - \$179 Billion

www.statista.com

Lottery Tickets in US - \$113 Billion

www.ngpf.org

"Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase." Prov. 13:11

Biblical Warnings against Gambling:

Do NOT _____ money, I Timothy 6:10.

Avoid get-rich-quick schemes, Proverbs 28:20; Eccl. 5:10.

Only make money through honest means, Proverbs 13:11.

Avoid _____ behaviors, I Corinthians 6:12.

If you are struggling to pay the rent, money is a trial. But if you have money in the bank, with that comes temptation. How will you spend it?

If I can afford a vacation, where should I go?

If I can afford a dinner out, which restaurant should I choose?

If I can afford entertainment, what should I see?

Avoid the temptation of greed, gambling, cheating, and overspending!

A river of temptation flows through our life when we have abundance.

v. 9b - Making money your goal brings "many foolish & hurtful lusts."

The more money you have, the more temptations you have! If you say "yes" to these temptations, God says it "drowns men in destruction and perdition." The desire to be rich drowns people - what a graphic warning. If you want to ruin your life, desire to be rich.

"...if riches increase, set not your heart upon them."

Psalm 62:10

v. 10b – What does loving money do? People who love money “pierce themselves through with many sorrows.”

How to Beat Greed? Learn _____, v. 6-8

How do you Learn to be Content?

- Think about eternity.
- Think about your accountability.
- Let _____ be enough.

John D. Rockefeller said, “I have made my millions, but they have brought me no happiness.”

John Jacob Astor, who was immensely wealthy, said, “I am the most miserable man on earth.”

Henry Ford at the end of his life, “I was happiest doing mechanics work.”

Things Don't Increase _____.

Can I spend money on myself? Yes, BUT how much money can I spend on myself? If God wanted to tell us how much to spend in each category - for housing, savings, and entertainment, it would be in the Bible. But He didn't. He wants you to wrestle with it. He wants you to feel the weight of making wise decisions and your accountability to Him. God wants you to feel the weight of it yourself. I feel it.

You will give a personal account for your money, your decisions, your words, your giving, your music, and your time management.

Free budgeting site online - www.everydollar.com

Can I spend money on myself without feeling guilty? Yes!

4. Yes, BUT Consider _____ in Others, v. 17-19.

A. _____, v. 18a

“That they do good, that they be rich in good works.”

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

Mark Twain

B. Be a Generous _____, v. 18b

“ready to distribute, willing to communicate.”

C. Invest in _____, v. 19

Those who give to God's Work are laying up, storing up, building up a treasury in heaven.

Jesus said, "Invest your money in the Gospel and when you die, you will be received into everlasting habitations."

You can't buy a ticket to heaven. Heaven is not for sale. It's a gift.

And you cannot work your way into heaven. Salvation is a gift that is received by faith. How? By believing that you are a sinner that needs forgiveness. Once you realize your sin is against God, then you can ask Him to forgive you. You can believe that Jesus died and rose again for you. Receive the gift of salvation today.

Let's be good _____ of what God has loaned to us. Because "It's all God's!"

Additional Resources:

Free budgeting site online: www.everydollar.com

Personal Budgeting Tips: www.moneymanagementtips.com/budgeting.htm

Reasons why personal budgeting often fails:

1. Failure to prioritize expenses.
2. Failure to budget for normal out-of-pocket expenses.
3. Failure to plan for the unexpected.
4. Failure to include quarterly or annual expenses.
5. Spending more money than you make.

List and Prioritize Your Expenses.

Include Giving and Savings in Your Budget.

Don't Buy Depreciating Items on Credit (caution with car loans).

Don't Spend More than You Make.