

## THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MONEY AND ANXIETY

Matthew 6:19 (NIV) *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

### Treasures on Earth:

- Pleasures
- Success
- Money
- Accolades
- Possessions

Matthew 6:20 (NIV) *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

### Treasures in Heaven:

- Time
- Talents
- Money
- Word of God
- Isaiah 40:8 (NIV) *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.*
- Church

Matthew 6:21 (NIV) *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
You CANNOT choose BOTH

Matthew 6:22 (NIV) *“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!*

Matthew 6:24 (NIV) *“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

Matthew 6:25 (NIV) *Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of*

*you by worrying add a single hour to your life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*

**WARNINGS:**

*Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV) Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.*

**BLESSINGS**

*Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV) Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine*

Two types of Greed:

- 1). Excess: I want more money for more stuff.
- 2). Security: I want more money to make me feel safe.

*Luke 12:15 (NIV) “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”*

Anxiety is fear of losing what you love or getting what you hate.

-Sam Rainer

**Coveting**=yearning to possess or have something.

<b>When we COVET we want:</b>	<b>When we are CONTENT, we want:</b>
Earthly things	Heavenly things
Right things for the wrong reason	Right things for the right reason
The right thing at the wrong time	The right thing at the right time.

*Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

My Next Steps:

- What type of greed do I struggle with more (excess or security)?
- How can I fight against coveting and be more content?
- What steps can I take to store up treasure in heaven?