



Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. [Proverbs 4:23]

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [Matthew 6:21]

**Faith overcomes fear as we
choose to TRUST.**

Psalm 20:7
*Some trust in chariots and
some in horses,
but we trust in the name of
the Lord our God.*

Mark 10:17-21

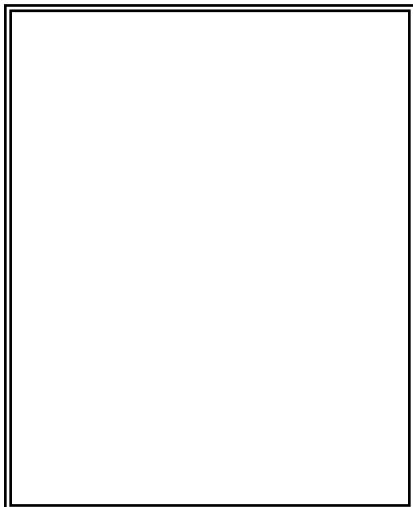
¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰ “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

**Our MONEY always
points to our priorities.**



Mark 10:22 [MSG]

The man's face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go.

"Things have become necessary to us, a development never originally intended. God's gifts now take the place of God, and the whole course of nature is upset by the monstrous substitution."

- A. W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

Matthew 6:24

"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."

Freedom comes in letting **GO**, but **BURDEN** comes in holding on.

SO WHAT?

:: Our **HEART** was not created to lead but to follow.

:: God doesn't mind if we have **STUFF**. He minds if our stuff has **US**.

Colossians 3:1

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Psalm 62:10b [NLT]

And if your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life.

Where is your **TRUST**?

Matthew 6:31-33

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

NOTES:

TRUST: [verb]
:: to have trust or confidence in;
rely or depend on.
:: to believe.



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How to start a relationship of trust with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

**Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith & trust in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life.
In Your name, Amen.**

For Further Reflection:

:: Share something God has shown or reminded you about in the Money series?

:: What role has trust, or a lack of trust, played in your life to this point?

:: Pastor Shawn said, "Trust is a choice."

:: What are some implications of that reality?

:: Where do people seem to readily choose to place their trust?

:: Share a time you, or someone you know, misplaced their trust. What happened?

:: What are some specific ways we can demonstrate choosing to place our trust in God?

:: Reread Mark 10:17-22.

:: What are your personal observations about this interaction?

:: What did the man do that was right and good? Why?

:: What did he do that was not right or good? Why?

:: Discuss why he, and others in this life, choose to walk away.

:: Where are you most tempted to misplace trust & "walk away" in your life today?

:: Where is God inviting you to greater levels of trusting in Him?

:: What's one thing you need to do this week to avoid misplacing trust and to trust Jesus more fully?

:: Identity someone you can ask to pray for you as you take that next step.

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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