# LESSON 4 · Money Has Value

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# I Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

# Key Concepts

- Money Has Value
- Teach the students about the value of our possessions.
- Teach the students how God wants us to use our possessions.

### 2 Teacher Preparation

• Be prepared to have the students write one paragraph on what wealth and being wealthy means to them.

### **B** Lesson

- What is your favorite thing that you own?
  - Write some examples on the board.
  - What did you have to do to obtain that item?
  - If nothing, what did someone else have to do to get it for you?
  - Why is that item so important to you?
  - What value would you put on that item?
  - Could you live without it?
- Value is something that everything has.
  - Food has value.
  - Possessions have value.
  - Everything has value.
  - It may not be the same value to each of us, but it still has value.
- God has given us everything that we have.
  - He values us and takes care of us.
  - He gave us the most valuable thing to Him- the gift of Jesus.
  - He loves us and values us so much that He gave up His own Son. That is pretty special.
- God wants us to use all of our possessions wisely.
  - Take care of our possessions and use our possessions to help others.
- In I Timothy 6:17-19 it talks about not being greedy or put our hope in wealth.
  - Wealth doesn't always just need to be money or possessions.
- Jesus wasn't wealthy when He was on this earth.
  - He didn't have earthly wealth.
- He wants us to use our wealth to help those in need.
  - We can all consider ourselves wealthy for different reasons.
- Let's remember to use our wealth for good.

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#### A Conclusion

God has given us all that we have. He wants us to use our wealth to help those around us. He doesn't want us to live for money or possessions. Help those in need and give of our wealth to those who need it.

#### **6** Echo Prayer

#### Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the possessions you have given us. Help us to use what we have been given wisely. Help us also to use our possessions to help those in need. Amen.

# **6** Resources

- Bible
- Webster's Dictionary

#### • Rockwell, Thomas. How To Get Fabulously Rich

In this story Billy wins a lot of money. Everyone wants money from him and in the end he wonders if it was worth winning it at all.

#### Vocabulary

Wealth: valuable products, contents; much money or property Value: the worth of a thing in money or goods

# **8** Activity

Have the children write a paragraph on what wealth means to them.

