

Hebrews 13:5-6

Do You ♥ \$\$\$?

Unconflicted ...

I. Free from Idolatry

A. Covetousness

B. Currency

II. Trusting the Lord

A. Confident

B. Content

... and in His hands.

Children, Listen ...

1. What does it mean to covet?
2. People need to make money to live, but should needing it, or having it control our lives?
3. Christians be happy (content) even if they are poor. How is that possible?
4. Who provides all that Christians need for this life and the next?

From Pittance to Prosperity

The fact of the matter is, that people who don't have it, and people who do have it can both be madly in love with money. Some who have gone from rags to riches and others who have gone from riches to rags can have the same problem. Money is necessary, but it also has a dangerous magnetism. It can have such a pull on life that it can become an idol.

God's people can be prone to the same things as the worldly-minded and can get hung up on the love of money, or the things that money can buy. There are numerous warnings against such misguided devotion in the Scriptures. Jesus makes it easy for us: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." (Matthew 6:24) So the author is not saying anything new, but he is giving a stark warning. We must keep things in perspective, working hard to provide, but also knowing that it is God who gives us all that we have, being content with what he provides, and being satisfied above all that we know and belong to Him.

*Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,
lest I be full and deny you and say,
"Who is the LORD?"
or lest I be poor and steal
and profane the name of my God.*

Proverbs 30:8-9