

Introduction – Coaching tip #6: Know your opponent _____;
and your own weaknesses _____.

The context – Teaching, trials, and temptation

Paul’s coaching for Timothy

1 Timothy 6

- The truth about false teachers. 1 Timothy 6:3-8
- A warning and positive charge. 1 Timothy 6:9-16
- A word to the wealthy. 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Fifth personal challenge – finish well! 1 Timothy 6:20-21

The coaching “nuggets” – If you don’t remember anything else...

The truth:

*¹⁴ that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach **until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ**, ¹⁵ which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and **only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords**, ¹⁶ who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. **To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.***

1 Timothy 6:14-16

Our response:

*¹⁰ For the **love of money** is a root of all sorts of evil, and **some by longing for it** have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

*¹¹ **But flee from these things**, you man of God, and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness**. ¹² **Fight the good fight of faith**; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

1 Timothy 6:10-12

Paul's coaching for us

The subject: God and money – false and true teaching.

The underlying issue: Motives and loyalty to Christ to the very end.

The underlying question: Am I willing to be content with what I have at any given time? Do I make decisions based on God's will, or the world's values?

The action required: Step _____!

- Do a personal inventory of your finances.
- Read or take a course on biblical finances.
- Align your money with God's principles.

The unspoken need: To develop a _____
_____.

How?

1. **Head** = Know the Scripture's teaching on money – Word
Matthew 6:19-24
Psalm 50:10-12
2. **Heart** = Live the 10, 10, 80 plan – Faith
Luke 6:38
Proverbs 3:9-10
3. **Hands** = Share your entire financial plan with a mentor – Practice
Matthew 13:22
Proverbs 3:13-22

Discussion Questions:

1. According to your finances and where you spend your time, where does your contentment come from?
2. What does the Scripture teach about money according to Matthew 6:19-24? How do these truths change your perspective on money?
3. What changes do you need to make to live the ten-ten-eighty principle (give the first ten percent to the Lord, save the next ten percent, and live on the eighty percent)?
4. How will you structure your life and money to protect your heart from being deceived?