











FEAT IN ACTION

Hard Lessons from **JAMES**

⁹ Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in their humiliation – since they will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹ For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

James 1:9-11 (NIV)

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

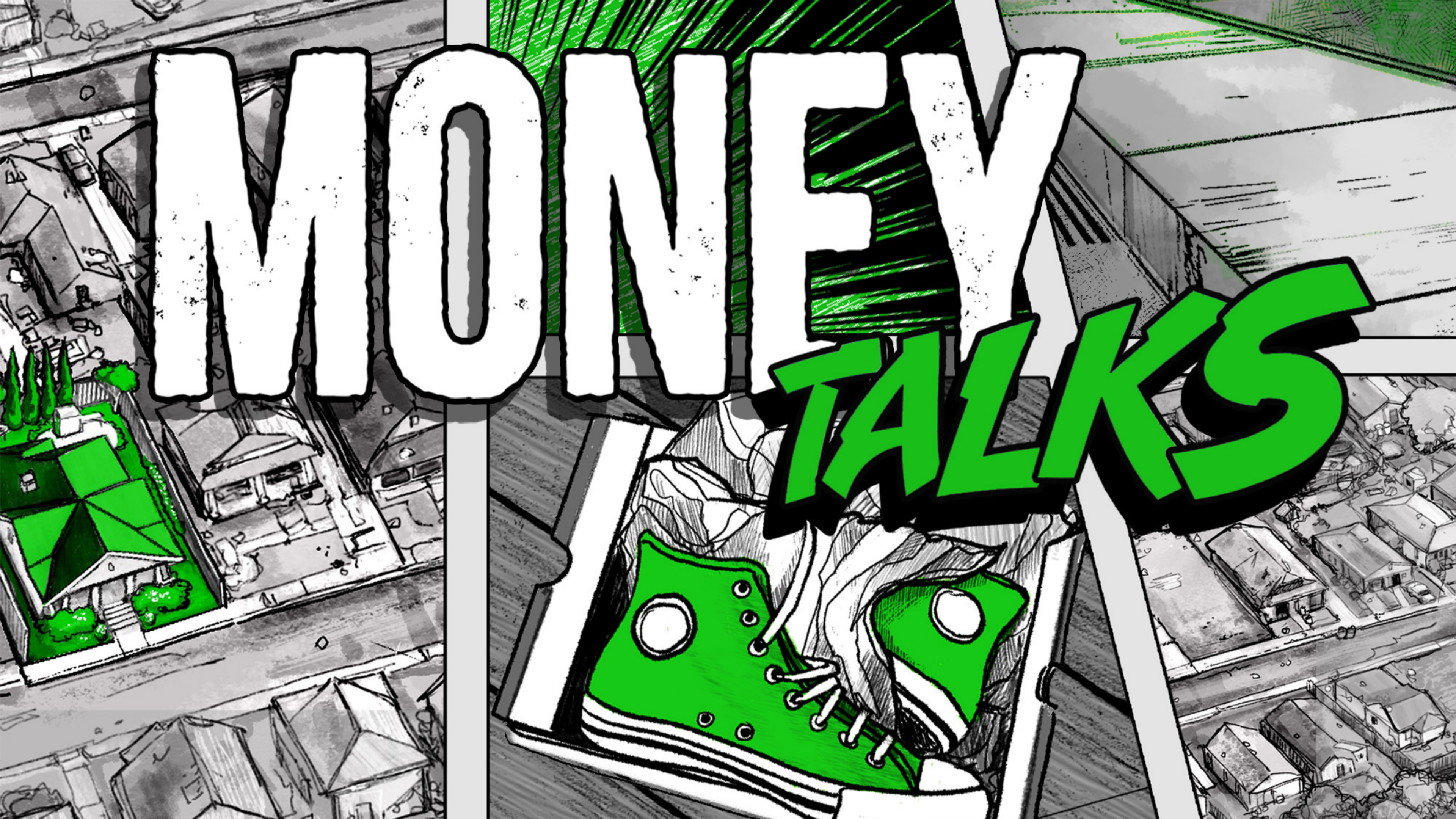
James 2:5-7 (NIV)

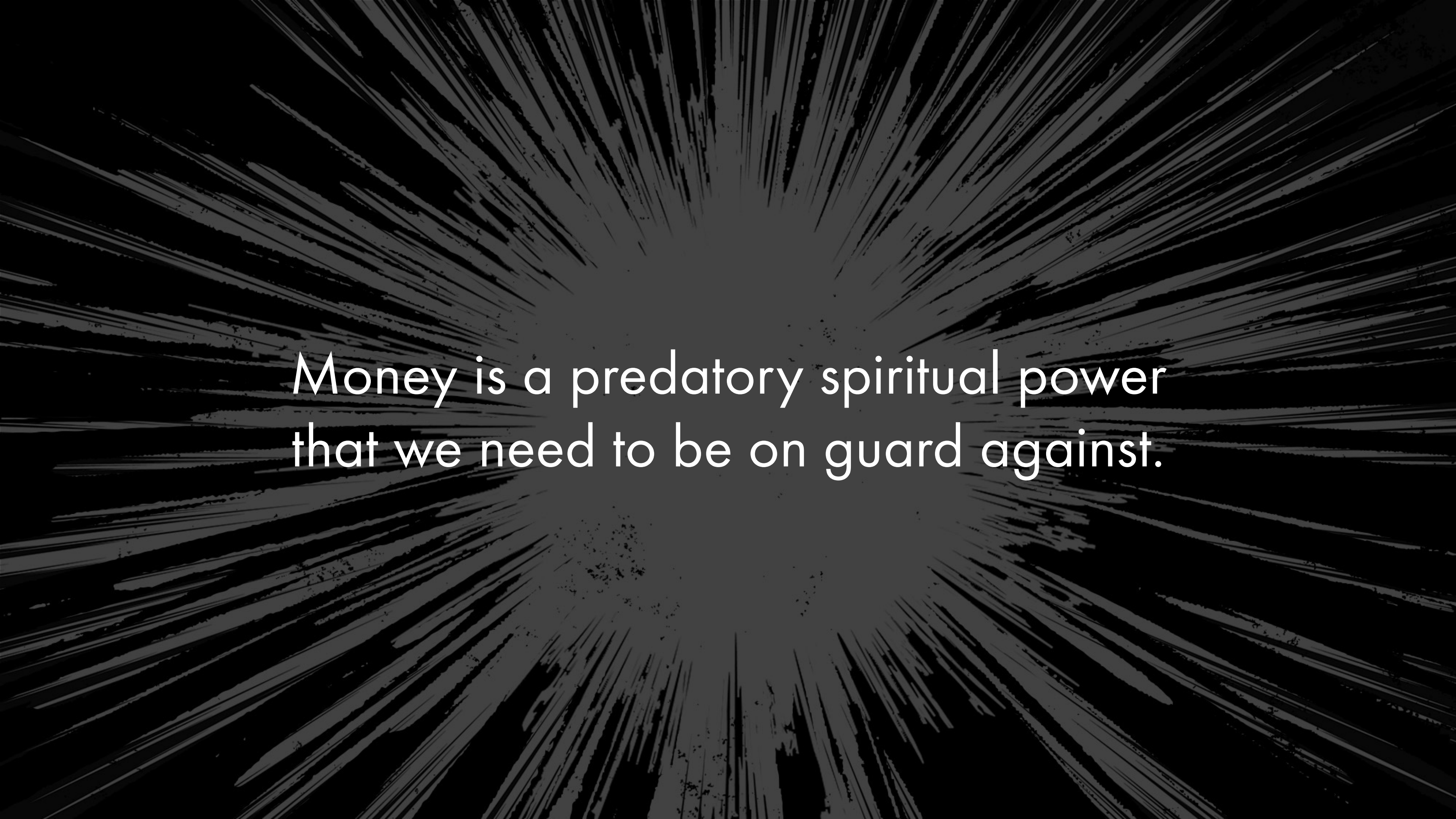
¹ Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ² Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

James 5:1-3 (NIV)

MONEY

TALKS





Money is a predatory spiritual power
that we need to be on guard against.

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Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and **the deceitfulness of wealth** choke the word, making it unfruitful.


Matthew 13:22 (NIV)



Money gives us stuff



Money gives us stuff
Money gives us status



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Money gives us control

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NIV)

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NIV)

15 ... "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:15 (NIV)



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What are you feeling right now?



What do you feel when you think about money?



Are you facing big decisions right now?
What role does money play in these decisions?



"Godliness with contentment is great gain."
Is this something you want in your life?