The Love of Money
Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9

Main Point:
Though it is common, the love of money is foolish and dangerous; therefore, love Jesus and be joyfully content instead.

1. Sadly, many people are in love with money.

2. The love of money is foolish.

3. The love of money is dangerous.

4. Instead, you should love Jesus and be joyfully content.

Benjamin Shaw "He is not advocating complacency in the face of evil. But he does want his readers to be realistic."

Philip Ryken "Public officials are not the only people who want to get more money; this is a temptation for all of us."

Luke 12:15 15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." (NKJV)

Douglas Sean O'Donnell "Money can't buy joy any more than it can buy love."

Gordon Keddie "The Preacher is not opposed to wealth (as he makes clear in 5:18-20), but he warns against materialism in all its forms. It is as empty and meaningless as every other tenet of secular (under-the-sun) humanist faith."

Douglas Sean O'Donnell "A long life without enjoyment … is far worse than no life at all."

Gordon Keddie "Materialism is not merely a theory or a lifestyle, which, like a brand of coffee or a make of washing machine, is morally neutral and physically harmless. Materialism maims and kills. It has consequences …"

1 Timothy 6:10 10 For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (NKJV)

Hebrews 13:5 5 *Let your* conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have … (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "The appetite for what money can buy is never satisfied. The only way to curb it is to be content with what God provides."

Philippians 4:11, 13 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content … 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "The world that God created is full of many rich gifts, but the power to enjoy them does not lie in the gifts themselves. This is why it is always useless to worship the gifts instead of the Giver … Satisfaction is sold separately."

1 Timothy 6:17 17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. (NKJV)