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Hebrews 13:5, 6

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The Unshakable Unmovable God.

Intro: One night my wife and I were home, and I was surfing the channels and came across a PBS program where the songs and groups of the 70's were being featured. I was out of my mind with excitement since I grew up on soul, one of my favorite groups was the Temptations.

While preparing for this talk, I thought about a specific song and group that expressed part of my thesis perfectly. I call this group the three wise men as they too were from the east. And the sermon they preached could be preached here today, just listen to some of the words of this song...

” Some people gotta’ have it, some people really need it, do things, do things *bad things* with it...you ought to do *good things* with it”

- Drop the “O’Jay’s” video
- There are two common denominators in song “Money money, money” it is people and Money, but money is not the problem – people are.
- Money does not change you rather it takes on the character of its possessor.
- So, whether you are a multi-millionaire, or a regular “Josephine” raising a family, I have great news for you, the scriptures offer REAL answers to our REAL problems.

Transition: This brings me to my mission - My *mission possible* (and I do except it) is to show you that the bible identifies the limitations of money and contrasts it with truths that will help us overcome our love of money. Again, money is not the problem, we have identified the problem, it is us, but we can change.

I have entitled this talk *The Unshakable, Unmovable, God* and I would like to call your attention to the Book of Hebrews, chapter 13, verses 5, 6.

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” 6 So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

Let us pray...

Main Idea: We should not get tied down to material things (since they will pass away) because we belong to an unshakeable, eternal God and Kingdom

Purpose: I think when we are convinced of this Money will not control us, we will control it.

Three key observations:

1. **The Contrast** between the *Love* of Money and *Contentment* – they are polar opposites v.5.

- a. **The love of Money** is the Root of all evil – “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.*” I Tim 6:10
Love is **Doing** it is taking the **Initiative** for another *at the expense* of self. Love is **ACTIVE**. God does this for you and I, he loved us so much that he gave his “only begotten son”– This is good for a person, but not for money. However, when we love money (which is an object, a tool) we are essentially depleting parts of ourselves that we were only meant for God and other living beings.
 - b. **Contentment** – “A state of happiness and satisfaction”¹ Notice the difference between the demeanor of love and contentment. Love is Active, it is doing and takes initiative while contentment is at a state of rest.
 - Contentment must be practiced -Be intentional about enjoying what you presently have instead of running off to do or obtain something else.
 - Embrace limits.
2. **The Contrast** between Money and God v.5.
 - a. Money vs God – Upon closer inspection of the text we learn the contrasting characters of each –
 - b. Money is a medium of exchange on earth, therefore it is temporary.
 - c. God transcends this earth and time; therefore, he is eternal. – “Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God” Psalm 90:2 NIV

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3. **A Contrast** in Confidence between Money and God v. 6

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Conclusion: (Sermon in a sentence): Money is shakable and temporary, God is unshakable and eternal, **trust God, not Money!**

1. Subject: Why should a Christian find contentment with what they have?
2. Compliment: Because when they do, they will avoid falling into the trap of loving money and spiraling away from an everlasting, trustworthy God.
3. Main Idea: We should not get tied down to material things (since they will pass away) because we belong to an unshakeable, eternal kingdom.

Vulnerable share: My own need to repent...

Close in prayer.

¹https://www.google.com/search?q=contentment&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS926US926&oq=Content&aqs=chrome.3.69i57j0i433l7.11635j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8