

Choose Freedom

3. Freedom to ENJOY possessions and money – 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

***“Christianity
is the most materialistic
of all the major
world religions”***

C. S. Lewis.

God’s intention is for us to

1. Enjoy possessions
2. Thank him for our possessions
3. Share our possessions

Q. Why does money enslave us?

A. We try to make money and possessions do more than they are designed to do.

We look to money and possessions for

1. SECURITY - by hoarding
 2. STATUS AND IDENTITY – by possessing
 3. COMFORT – by spending
- **RESULT:** Idolatry + Loss of freedom

Trapped by.....

- Greed
- Competitive treadmill
- DEBT
 - £2324,000,000,000 consumer credit in UK
 - £9,600 per household average
 - Rising by £800,000,000 in November 2008
- Fear

How can we be free??

1. Receive our possessions and money as a GIFT from God – verse 6-8.
2. Learn the art of BUDGETTING
Romans 13:8
3. Learn the joy of GIVING – verse 18-19
4. Learn to TRUST the Lord – verse 17

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you.”

Matthew 6: 33