

FUSION Q's... Born to Sail 5 – A New Treasure

Discussion Starter...

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about?

Discussion Questions

Q1. If you were given \$1 million, what would you do with it?

Q2. For many people money represents freedom, happiness, power, contentment, and all the other things that this world has to offer. Yet over and over we hear stories of celebrities, athletes, millionaires, lotto winners, and many others who have had it all say that it was all a lie; in fact, it did just the opposite.

With all the warnings out there, why is it that people still want money so badly? What does it represent to them? What does it represent to you?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-16

Q3. What do you think it means to love money? Describe the character traits of this type of person.

Q4. What do you think of Solomon's advice? Is it possible to make money, but not let yourself love it? If so, how?

Q5. What does Solomon mean when he says a person "toils after the wind"?

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-12 – Lusting for Wealth

Q6. Do you think it is possible for you to be content with what Paul says we should be content with (v.8)? Why or why not?

Q7. Why do people who know God has warned against pursuing riches (v.9), still chase after them instead of God?

Q8. What steps can you take in your life in order to make God your treasure instead of money or earthly things?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Ecclesiastes 5:10-16 (NIV)

- 10 Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.
- 11 As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?
- 12 The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.
- 13 I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, 14or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him.
- 15 Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand.
- 16 This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind?

1 Timothy 6:6-12 (NIV)

6But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10For 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.

11But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.