

# “The Good News about Earning Money”

## Part II: Luke 3:1-18

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### Introduction:

#### **I. Before I can obey God about money, I need a practical view of his \_\_\_\_\_.**

*You can tell a godly person by the way he \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.*

A godly person knows 3 things:

1. *God owns \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *God wants me to treat him as \_\_\_\_\_, money as \_\_\_\_\_.*
3. *God wants me to depend on him for \_\_\_\_\_.*

#### **II. God wants me to earn money in \_\_\_\_\_.**

##### **5 ways to gain money:**

##### **1. No \_\_\_\_\_ . 3:13**

“don’t collect more than you are required,” 3:13

##### **2. No \_\_\_\_\_ . 3:14**

“Don’t extort money” 3:14

##### **3. No foolish \_\_\_\_\_.**

“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.” Prov 22:7

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.

Rom 13:8

##### **4. No unwise \_\_\_\_\_ . Mark 8:36**

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

**5. Working to \_\_\_\_\_ it. (3:13,14)**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Gen 2:15

We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. II Thess 3:12

**III. God wants me to learn \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Be content with your pay.” Luke 3:14

***3 lessons about contentment in Scripture.***

**1. Contentment is \_\_\_\_\_.**

People 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. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. I Tim 6:9,10

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. I Tim 6:6,7

**2. Contentment is \_\_\_\_\_.**

Having nothing, and yet possessing everything. II Cor 6:10

**3. Contentment is \_\_\_\_\_.**

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

I Tim 6:17-19

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.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?' Heb 13:5,6