

## Marks of a Man # 13

*KJV, NKJV: Not covetous; ESV,NIV: Not lover of money; NASB: Free from money love*

### Area: Money

Definition: Not having a love affair with money, which is always insatiable

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:3 Heb. 13:5

Bible Usage: With money being a totally possessive master, Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13; and when being focused upon fills the entire life with darkness, Matthew 6:22-23; one being in love with money cannot at the same time be in love with the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - A clear perception of the danger of love of money
2. **Conscience** - Nothing in my conscience tells me I am in love with money
3. **Heart** - Master the subject of money, so that money does not master me
4. **Frame** - Clear financial principles and goals from the Word of God
5. **Will** - All decisions agree with my Frame
6. **Emotions** - Free from financial worry and financial guilt

### Resolved:

***To not have a love affair, thus enslaved to money; but on the contrary to trust God alone for my present and future needs.***

### Essay:

**Source of Problem:** Being an idolater, that idol being money, Colossians 3:5. This is a rejection of trusting God for all my needs, Phil. 4:19; not accepting that all money I have belongs to Him, resulting in thinking that the accumulation of money will give me security.

**Problem:** Being an idolater, my love is focused on the money I have accumulated, or hope to accumulate, and not God. This destroys any Gospel Vision and ministry.

**Solution:** Faith in God, not the financial standards or resources of this world. This in no way cancels out hard work and good money management.

**Avoidance:** Master a good study on money, such as ***Money and Me*** in our study sheets. This will be especially difficult in that our entire culture is based on the philosophy of "*a certain rich man*" in Luke 12:16-21. While every man is mandated to provide for the needs of his family as much as is possible, 1 Timothy 5:8; the rest of Bible instruction, such as "*treasures upon earth*" must be taken into account.

