

## 6. WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT TRUST MORE IN MONEY.

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*“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”*  
Luke 12:34 (NLT)

**Does money really bring happiness and security?**

### TWO ENCOUNTERS

#### 1. THE RICH YOUNG MAN

*“Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”* Matthew 19:21 (NLT)

*“But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.”* Matthew 19:22 (NLT)

**YOU CAN \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR HOLD ON WORDLY RICHES, OR...**

*“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I’ll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”* Matthew 19:23-24 (NLT)

#### 2. ZACCHAEUS

*“Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”* Luke 19:8 (NLT)

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## THE CHRISTIAN ATHEIST

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*“Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”* Luke 19:9-10 (NLT)

*“Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.”* 1 Timothy 6:17 (NLT)

*“Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.”*  
1 Timothy 6:18-19 (LB)

**God is not happy with your leftovers!**

*“When you give blind animals as sacrifices, isn’t that wrong? And isn’t it wrong to offer animals that are crippled and diseased? Try giving gifts like that to your governor, and see how pleased he is!”* says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.” Malachi 1:8 (NLT)

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Bible Translations: New Living Translation (NLT); The Living Bible (LB).  
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