

FINISH LINE

- In the midst of all the confusion, chaos, and bad news around us:
- **QUOTE:** *The GOOD NEWS is that our redemption is closer now than it has ever been.*
- **Revelation 21:1 – 5 (GNT)** *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth disappeared, and the sea vanished. ² And I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared and ready, like a bride dressed to meet her husband. ³ I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne: “Now God's home is with people! He will live with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴ He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared.”*
- Until then, we must share the gospel of Jesus to everyone we meet, so we can **populate heaven** and **plunder hell**.

Week #4 – Who Do You Love?

II Timothy 3:1 – 5 (NKJV) *But know this, that in the LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, LOVERS OF MONEY, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, HAUGHTY, LOVERS OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power...*

Lovers of Money

- **I Timothy 6:6 – 10 (NLT)** *Yet true godliness with contentment is itself GREAT WEALTH. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. ⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.*

Four Takeaways

1. The bible describes godly character and a heart of contentment as GREAT WEALTH.
 2. Food & clothing should bring us to a place of contentment.
 3. Those who “long to be rich” [*Gr. Boulomai*] – *to crave or deliberately purpose*] fall into a snare and many foolish & hurtful lusts.
 4. The LOVE of money is the root of ALL evil...
 - What does it really mean to LOVE MONEY?
 - **QUOTE:** *The heart that loves money is a heart that pins its hopes, and pursues its pleasures, and puts its trust in what human resources can offer.*
 - It is very possible to LOVE MONEY while having very little of it in our possession.
- **Matthew 6:24 (NLT)** – *No one can SERVE two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot SERVE God and be enslaved to money.*
 - **Luke 12:15 (NLT)** – *Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”*
 - So how do I avoid loving money? *Recognize it all belongs to God serve His purposes with it.*

Lovers of Pleasure Rather than Lovers of God

- This is a description of **PASSIONLESS CHRISTIANITY**
- The 1st Commandment is: ***Thou Shall Have No Other Gods BEFORE Me***
- **Revelation 3:14 – 17 (NLT)** *“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s new creation: ¹⁵ ‘I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! ¹⁶ But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! ¹⁷ You say, ‘I am rich. I have everything I want. I don’t need a thing!’ And you don’t realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.*
- God wants us on fire, not lukewarm.
- **QUOTE:** *Most believers start out on fire, but Pressure, Problems, Persecution & Prosperity weaken their flame.*
- *Laodiceans – Christians in the ancient city of Laodicea (on the Lycus river in Asia Minor). Laodicea had an aqueduct that carried water from hot mineral springs five miles south of the city but became tepid (lukewarm) by the time it entered Laodicea. In other words, the water traveled too far to still be warm, but not far enough to be cold drinking water (useless).*
- What is the sin of Sodom?
- **Ezekiel 16:49 (AMPC)** – *Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, overabundance of food, PROSPEROUS EASE, and idleness were hers and her daughters’; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.*
- Time to put God FIRST and REVIVE our Passion for Him!!!!