

## Datchet Baptist Church- Money Study 5: Wanting

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**For a quick study, follow the items with headings in bold type**

### Aim

To attempt to understand how we might make sense of all the things we desire.

You will need...

A Bible, paper & pen.

### Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, provoke in us the desire to see your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### Pause for thought - Life auction

Imagine you are attending an auction where the following items are on sale.

You have £100 to spend.

Lasting good health	£	Creative, artistic or musical talent	£
Close and supportive family life	£	Warm and happy friendships	£
Physical beauty	£	Active sporting life	£
Worry-free financial comfort	£	Career full of achievement	£
Adventure and excitement	£	Respect for who you are and what you do	£

What other items could you have included in the list?

What items would you replace?

Does this exercise remind you of any Bible passages?

### **Read 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

**Imagine yourself to be rich – note phrases in the passage that would give you the following:**

• An encouragement

• A warning

• An idea for change

**Read the passage again and imagine yourself to be poor – note 3 more phrases:**

• An encouragement

• A warning

• An idea for change

**Having said that wanting money can lead to all kinds of evil, the passage suggests 6 alternatives to set our hearts on – Why do you think the Apostle Paul (the author) picked those?**

Read [Matthew 13:44-48](#)

If you were writing a parable today in contemporary language to have the same impact, what modern-day setting would you choose?

The Kingdom of heaven is like...

### Prayer

**Let us pray that our faith may shape every part of our lives, and that we may open our hearts, minds, wallets and purses to Gods will.**