

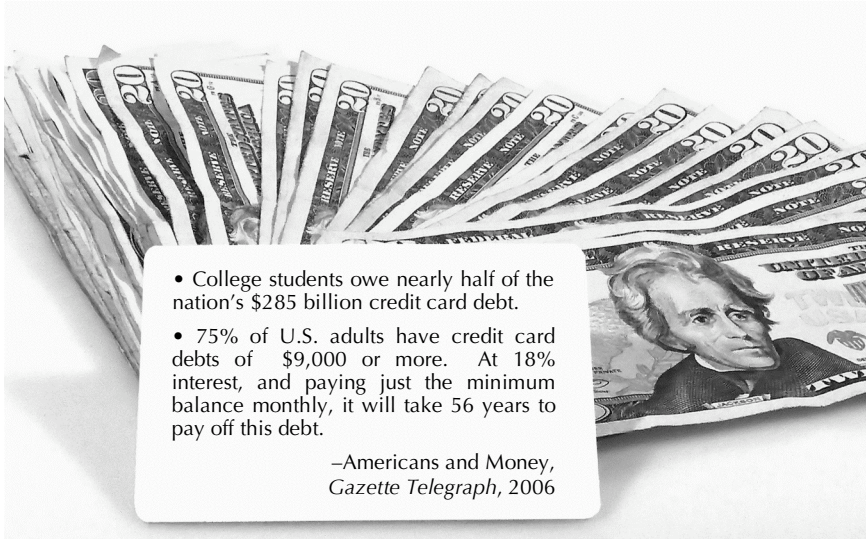
# MONEY

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In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus had a lot to say about peoples' attitudes toward money. As you read **Matthew 6:19-34**, jot down anything you observe about the dangers of being anxious or greedy for money and reasons not to worry about material things.

What (if anything) do you worry about most when it comes to money or things? (v. 25)

An important promise about wealth is found in verse 33. Using "I" and "me" instead of "you" and "your," re-write this promise in your own words.



2

Instead of being anxious about what we have or don't have, we are called to be content with our money and possessions.

From each of these passages list any dangers we face if we are habitually discontent, reasons why we can be content, and attitudes you observe.

**1 Timothy 6:6**

**Hebrews 13:5**

**James 4:1-3**

What is one practical thing you can do to practice contentment? For example, whenever you purchase something new (a CD, an item of clothing, a book, a gadget, etc.), you get rid of an old one.

3

Describe how you currently use credit cards or spend money you don't have now. How can you relate to the above statistics?

4

What warnings about and opportunities of wealth can you relate to in this passage? **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

5

HAVE you ever considered enjoying your income and being happy in work as a gift from God and His Fatherly way of providing for you? **Ecclesiastes 5:19**. Explain.

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## Reflection

Ask God to guide your heart as you manage your finances and consider your possessions. Listen to what God might be saying to you about being responsible and working (**2 Thessalonians 3:11**), taking care of your family (**1 Timothy 5:8**), and giving (**Malachi 3:10**). Talk to God about your financial burdens and needs.

...We're constantly bombarded with images of the latest styles and models of everything, and it can easily leave us feeling like what we have isn't enough because we see people that have even more than us. But how does what we have compare to what most people in the world have? Maybe what we have is enough; maybe it's more than enough. Maybe God has blessed us with everything we have so we can bless and give to others.

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