**THE UNDUE INFLUENCE OF MONEY**

**HAVING MONEY OR NOT HAVING MONEY. WHICH IS WORSE?**

**Matthew 6:24-Choose your influencer!**

**Hosea 12:7 Its influence is OPPRESIVE**

**Matthew 13:22 Money DECEIVES THROUGH INFLUENCE**

**James 5:1-4, Hebrews 11:26 true riches purify you and do not influence you to make bad choices as does $$$ of Egypt.**

**First Timothy 6**

**5 Worthless disputes of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the emet, supposing that serving YHWH is a means to unjust wealth and is the same as Shabbat-guarding piety: from such withdraw yourself.**

**6 But Shabbat-guarding piety with contentment is the greatest gain.   
7 For we brought nothing into the olam hazeh, and it is certain we can carry nothing out of it.   
8 And having food and clothing let us be content with these.   
9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a trap, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which plunge men into destruction and perdition.   
10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which some have longed after, and have fallen from the emunah, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

**11 But you, O man of YHWH, flee these things; and follow after tzedakah, Shabbat-guarding piety, emunah, ahava, patience, and meekness.   
12 Fight the tov fight of emunah, grab hold on eternal chayim, for which you are also called, and have professed a tov profession before many witnesses.**

**Money pierces through undue influence…too little and we are consumed by chasing and obsessing over it. To have money is also a problem because the influence comes how to guard and protect it from being squandered-stress, anxiety and worry on how to hold onto it despite all odds. So whether you have little or lots money is AN UNRIGHTEOUSS POWER OF INFLUENCE. Several things alone can negate that influence that is the root of all evils….the evil is not the money, silver or gold but the UNCLEAN INFLUENCE it injects into our lives! Whether we have too little or too much we make decisions based on it alone most of the time, thus it’s the CAUSE-ROOT of all evil. One way to overcome this is to enjoy what you have and give away if you have too much so, we can all reach a balanced medium where we are not influenced to either radically chase or kill to guard it. Chasing it orhording it brings disease, ill health and emotional breakdowns.**

**Proverbs 30:**

**7 Two things have I asked of You; deny me not before I die:**

**8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me my portion of lechem:**

**9 Lest I be full, and deny You, and say, Who is YHWH? Or, lest I be poor, and steal, and take the Name of YHWH my Elohim in vain.**

**Exodus 23:**

**8 And you shall take no bribe: for the bribe blinds the wise, and twists the words of the tzadik.**

**Exerts undue influence that can lead to willful neglect of YHWHs revealed ways. Its influence is so powerful that it can cause you to walk away from Yahushua. Move to the wrong place, associate with the wrong people, marry the devil and make friends based on the wrong criteria. MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL BECAUSE IT’S A NARCOTIC TOUCHING EVERY AREA OF OUR BEING THAT SPREADS INFLUENCE. A POWEFUL INFLUENCER-NARCOTIC THAT BLINDS MAN IN AMOST EVERY WAY AND EVERY DECSION so as to cripple him! The answer to this WORLDY PULL is the Scripture and instructions of Abba on how best to deal with this insidious root. Isaiah 45:3, Mathew 6:33 A believers choices and decisions must come from THE GUIDANCE OF PROVIDANCE not the INFLUENCE emanating from mammon, as it uses fear doubt and insecurity to spread its powerful influence.**