

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

A while back, a man asked my advice concerning a ministry opportunity. As he described what was involved, it didn't seem to me that what he was being offered really fit his gifts, abilities, or experiences in ministry. Then he told me if he would accept the position he would be making twice as much money. I asked him, “Are you sure God is calling you to do this, or do you just want to make more money?”

Now, hear me on this. I'm not against making money or having a job that pays well. The issue is not money itself, it's the lordship of money. That's the problem. It is the controlling side of money and the stuff it buys.

A sober warning is given to us in 1 Timothy chapter 6, verses 8 through 10; “And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many a pang.”

Three quick observations here. First, we need to embrace contentment. Is God enough for you right now, where you are? Second, realize that the path to riches is a spiritual minefield. It's dangerous, and there are many destructive deceptions and surprises. Then, number three, again, surrender the ambition for money to the lordship of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit. God is God, not the dollar sign.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Our decisions and choices in life should never be determined solely by money. God is our banker. In the words of Hudson Taylor, “Where God guides, He provides.”