

## A Generous Life: Perilous Pursuit of Pleasure

In order to overcome this peril of pursuing ever-increasing pleasure, we must take to heart the words of Jesus found in Matthew 6:24. The Lord is so generous to us! He expects us to be generous just like Him! However, our culture pushes us in another direction. It motivates us to get as much we can for ourselves. You have to “swim up stream” if you are going to overcome this pressure. God’s Word has some definite encouragement for us as we seek to develop a generous life, rather than cave into our culture’s expectations of gaining more and more and more...

In order to overcome this peril of pursuing ever-increasing pleasure for ourselves, we must take to heart the words of Jesus found in Matthew 6:24: “*You cannot serve both God and money.*”  
Let’s contrast money and the Lord:

Money is **not trustworthy**, but the Lord **is**.

*1 Timothy 6:10, 17*

Money will **deceive you**, but the Lord **won’t**.

*Revelation 3:17; Mark 4:18-19; Ecclesiastes 2:10*

Money will **not bring contentment**, but the Lord **will**.

*1 Timothy 6:6,9; Hebrews 13:5-6*

### Steps to Take:

- *Decide to control your standard of living, rather than letting it control you.*
- *Prayerfully determine what standard you need to be at, so you can be more generously, as He directs.*
- *Then enjoy living at that standard and be generous!*