

**Anxious-less: Principle # 3 Don't confuse your self-worth
with your net-worth.
Matthew 6:24.**

Why is the wealthiest generation also the most anxious about money?

Jesus's analysis of the anxiety plaguing the wealthiest generation reveals that...

- I. Our anxiety is a symptom of sin's corruption in our priorities: "no one can serve two masters" – from God's image bearers and generous stewards to slaves of Mammon (cf. Genesis 1:26-31, 2:15-17, 3:3-6).**
 - a. God's original design: Fruitful *Imago Dei* bearing stewards.
 - b. Sin's corruption: Earth-bound, death-sentenced, shameful, and fearful, rebellious slaves (μαμωνᾶ from ἰδῶν == "that in which one trusts").

- II. Our anxiety is a symptom of our misplaced devotion: "no one can serve two masters" Money as a tool to demonstrate our love for God by serving him-Cheating God (cf. Luke 16:1-13, Mt. 26:6-13).**

- III. Our anxiety is a symptom that reveals that we have confused our self-worth with our net worth "he will *hate* the one and *love* the other or he will be *devoted* to the one and *despise* the other".**

**Financial anxiety is not always the result of lacking money
Oftentimes is a symptom of someone who lacks generosity.**

1. Are you worried about money? If you are, chances are you are not allowing the Lord to be in charge of your provision. Put God first in your finances and see what he can do as he provides for your needs! (Proverbs 3:5-12).
2. A generous heart is the antidote to the heart that is possessed by its possessions. If the Lord is blessing you financially, could this be because he wants you to be able to make a difference for his kingdom? It doesn't matter if you are a child, teenager, middle aged adult or senior citizen. How does the Lord want you to contribute to his kingdom today?