

# Overcoming Our Temptations

Money Brings Me Freedom

# Life is not worth living!

- ❑ The monotony of life (1:4–11)
- ❑ The vanity of wisdom (1:12–18)
- ❑ The futility of wealth (2:1–11)
- ❑ The certainty of death (2:12–23)

**“Vanity! Vanity”**

Used 38 Times

meaning *“emptiness,  
futility, vapor.”*

# Last Week...

We operate out of a faulty assumption that looks like this:

**“If only I can have meaningful relationships I will have fulfillment and happiness in my world, life will have meaning and purpose.”**

# Today...

We operate out of a faulty assumption that looks like this:

**“If only I can get a good job I love with lots of money I will have freedom and life will have meaning.”**

There is Nothing Wrong with Money

The Bible does not say "Money is the root of all evil"

It does say –

"The **LOVE** of money is the root of all evil"

## The Bible Values Wealth as a Good Thing

### **Proverbs 10:15-16 (ESV)**

**15 A rich man's wealth is his strong city; the poverty of the poor is their ruin.**

**16 The wage of the righteous leads to life, the gain of the wicked to sin.**

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### **Proverbs 19:4 (ESV)**

**4 Wealth brings many new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend.**

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### **Proverbs 21:20 (ESV)**

**20 Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.**

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### **Ecclesiastes 7:11-12 (ESV)**

**11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun.**

**12 For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.**

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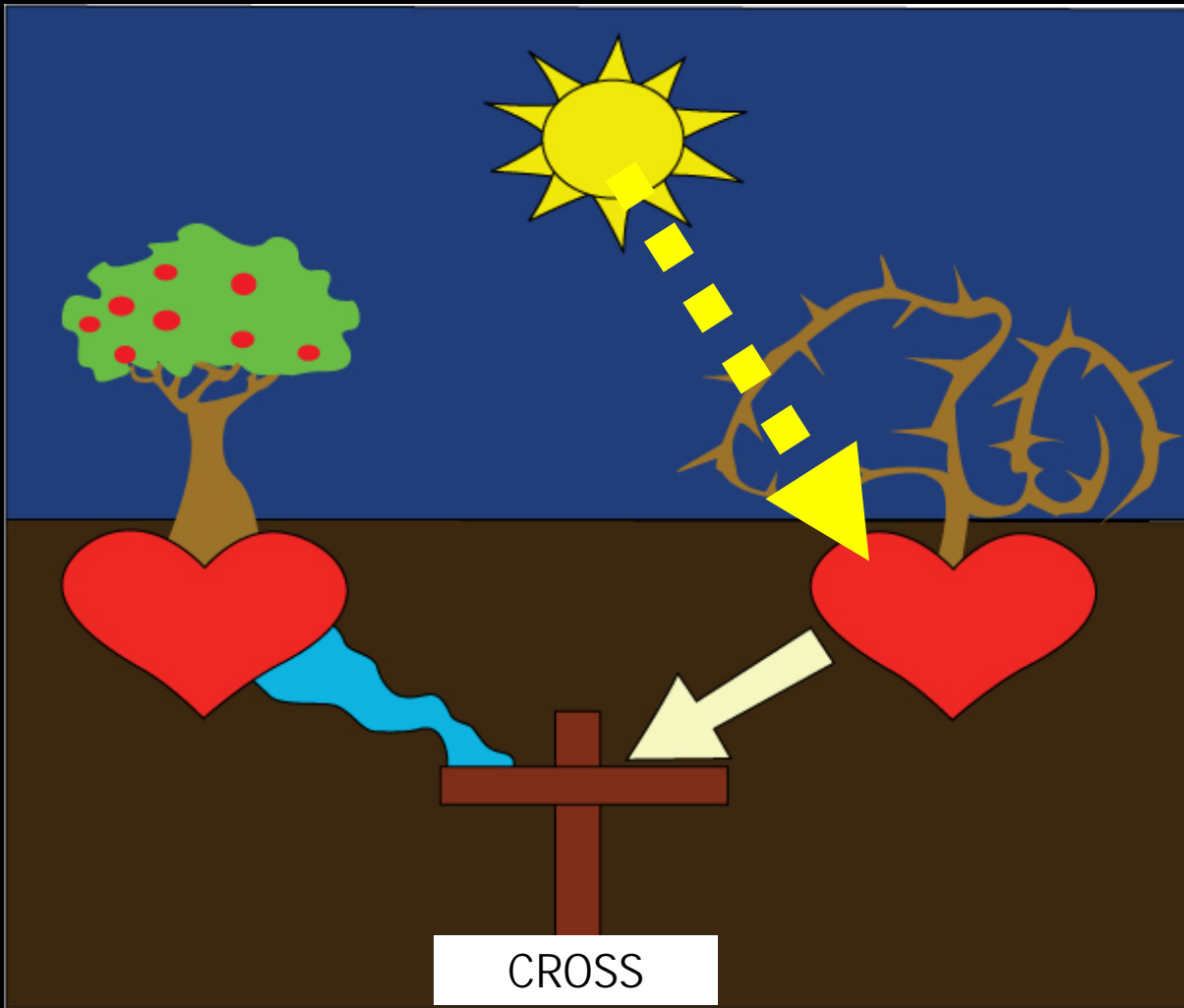
**19 Bread is made for laughter, and wine  
gladdens life, and money answers  
everything.**

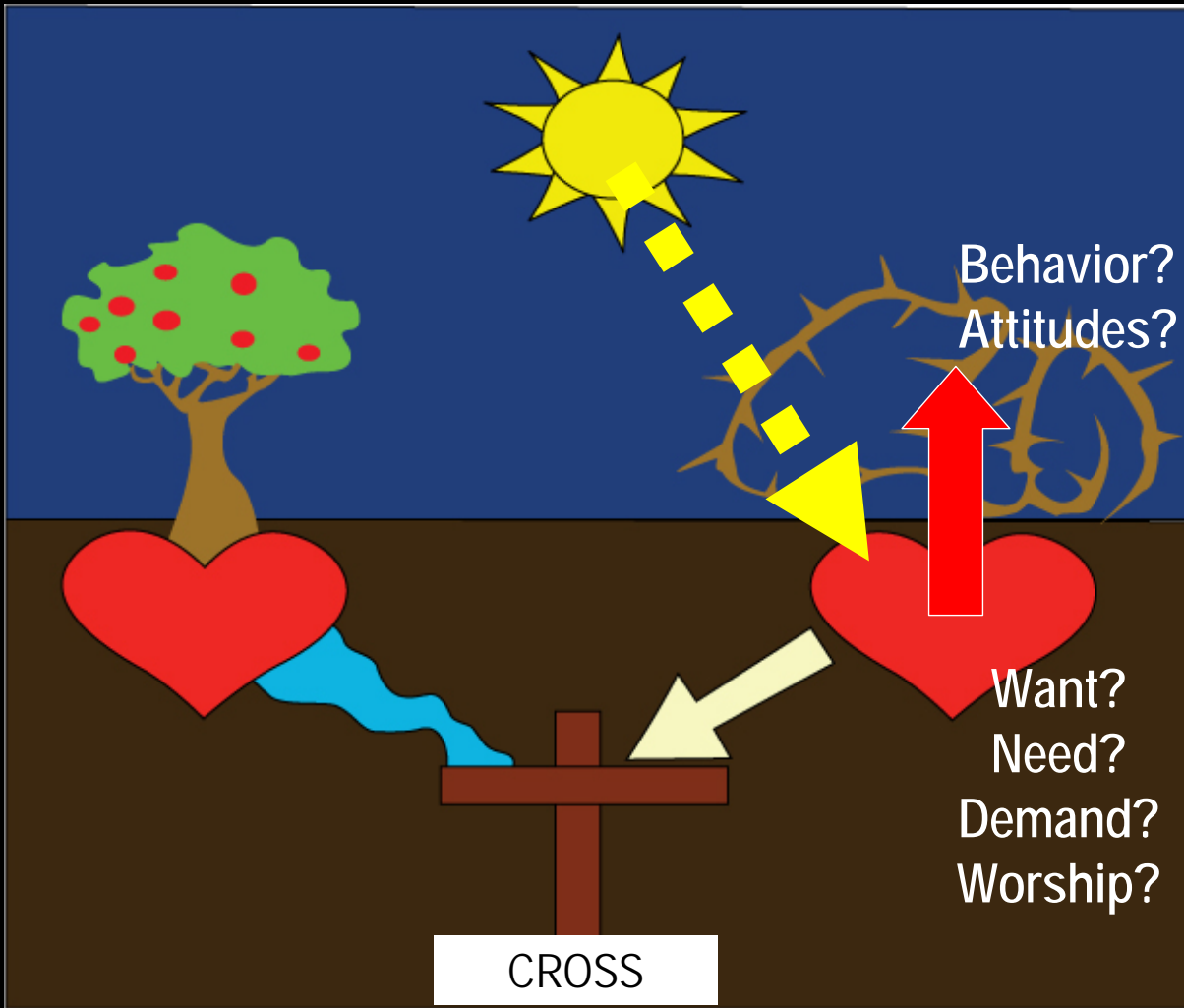
# But Work Under the Sun Is Futile

- **Identifying the Root – 1 Timothy 6:10**
- **What does money bring? Similar things as God brings –**
  - 1. safety**
  - 2. security**
  - 3. status**
  - 4. happiness**

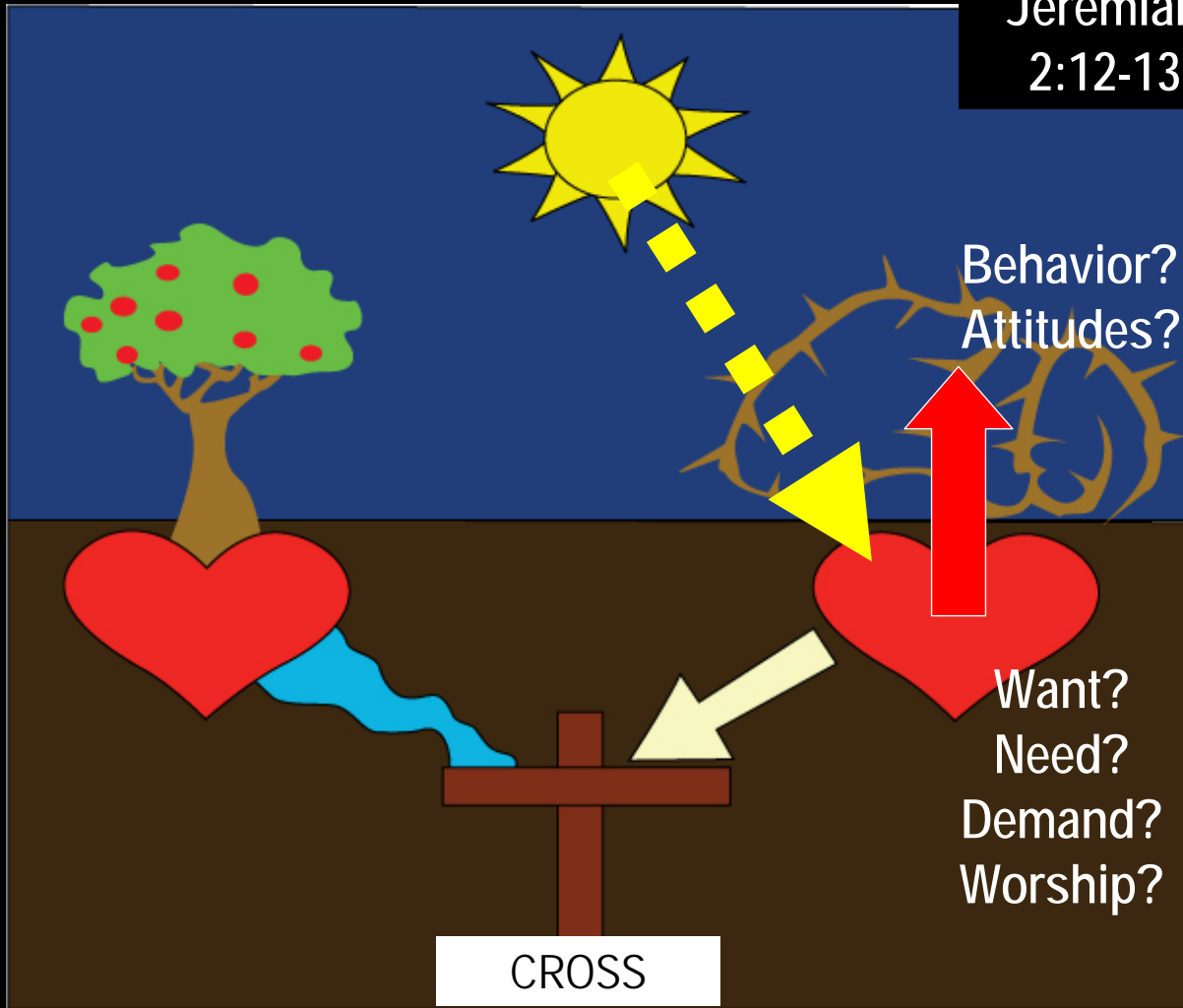
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- **Identifying the Root – 1 Timothy 6:10**
- **Where does money fail?**
  1. **It Brings No Rest (final satisfaction)**
  2. **Nothing it gives is permanent**
  3. **False security (death still comes to rich)**
  4. **Cannot Meet our Desire for Purpose**





Jeremiah  
2:12-13



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Fundamentally  
Christianity is

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Not Something  
To Do

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But Something to  
Believe.

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Do We Love Things and Use  
People or ...

Love People and Use Things?