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## Whose stuff is it anyway?

We aspire to have more. Our culture teaches us to ask, “**Why haven’t I got more?**”. This breeds permanent discontentment, and leads us to constantly try to enhance our lifestyle, increase our wealth, and multiply our possessions. The bible calls this “greed”.

A better approach is to ask, “**Why have I got so much?**”

*Look at [www.globalrichlist.com](http://www.globalrichlist.com) to see how much you have compared to the rest of the world.*

**Money myth:** My stuff is my stuff

The bible teaches that *everything* belongs to God. Look up the following references:

*1 Chronicles 29:11-16; Job 1:21; Psalm 24:1; Psalm 50:9-12;  
Ecclesiastes 5:15; Haggai 2:8; 1 Timothy 6:7*

If God owns everything, that makes us not owners, but stewards. This makes a fundamental difference to the way we approach our possessions, our lifestyle, and our giving.

### Discussion questions

- Do you consider yourself to be rich? Why or why not?
- Have you found that more money only feeds the appetite of discontentment? How have you seen this in your life?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8. Paul drew the line at food and clothes. Where do you need to draw a line and be content with what you have?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:9-11. What is the danger that comes with being rich? How have you seen this in your life and the lives of others?
- 7. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18. What are the benefits of being rich in good deeds and generous to others?



Money, get away.

Get a good job with good pay and you’re okay.

Money, its a gas.

Grab that cash with both hands and make a stash.

New car, caviar, four star daydream,

Think Ill buy me a football team.

Money, its a crime.

Share it fairly but dont take a slice of my pie.

Money, so they say

Is the root of all evil today.

But if you ask for a raise its no surprise that they’re

Giving none away.

*Pink Floyd*

