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Based on Matthew 26:14-16

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Money is the one thing we all want and would like more of, hence so many of Jesus' teachings were about money's effect on our lives. What is it about the force of money that can cause such destructive behavior if left unchecked? I believe it is temptation. In order to have more money, without honestly earning it, people resort to all sorts of questionable behaviors for its acquisition. Steal it, lie for it, kill for it, sacrifice one's integrity or reputation, to name just a few.

Have you ever been tempted to take from another what is not yours? What was the outcome and how did you feel about yourself? We might also be tempted to buy what we cannot afford or hoard our money instead of being generous. These behaviors are forms of coveting which Scripture commands us not to do.

However, thanks be to God for His great love and mercy toward us, He provided a wonderful solution to the predicament. God sent us a glorious Savior to give us a new nature. Our new nature in Christ enables us to view our wealth as a gift from God to be used in holy stewardship as He directs! In Christ we have enough. We can trust Him to supply our needs, without resorting to sinful acts to meet those needs. We can become generous and serve others instead of wanting to be served or noticed.

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