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**Money and Your Heart: Understanding Money's Impact on the Heart**  
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**Mark 4:18-19 (NIV):** Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

**RIVAL #1: EVERYDAY TROUBLES AND CONCERNS – “The Worries of this Life”**

**Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV):** So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**RIVAL #2: THE FALSE SECURITY OF RICHES - “The Deceitfulness of Wealth”**

**Revelation 3:17 (NIV):** You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

**RIVAL #3: THE PURSUIT OF MORE – “The Desire for Other Things”**

**1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV):** But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.