

And what does the Lord  
require of you but to do  
justice, to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with  
your God?


**Micah 6:8**

A person is silhouetted against a bright, orange-hued sunset sky as they walk a tightrope stretched across a deep mountain valley. The person has their arms outstretched for balance. The foreground shows the jagged, rocky edges of the cliffs from which the rope is suspended. The overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of the setting sun.

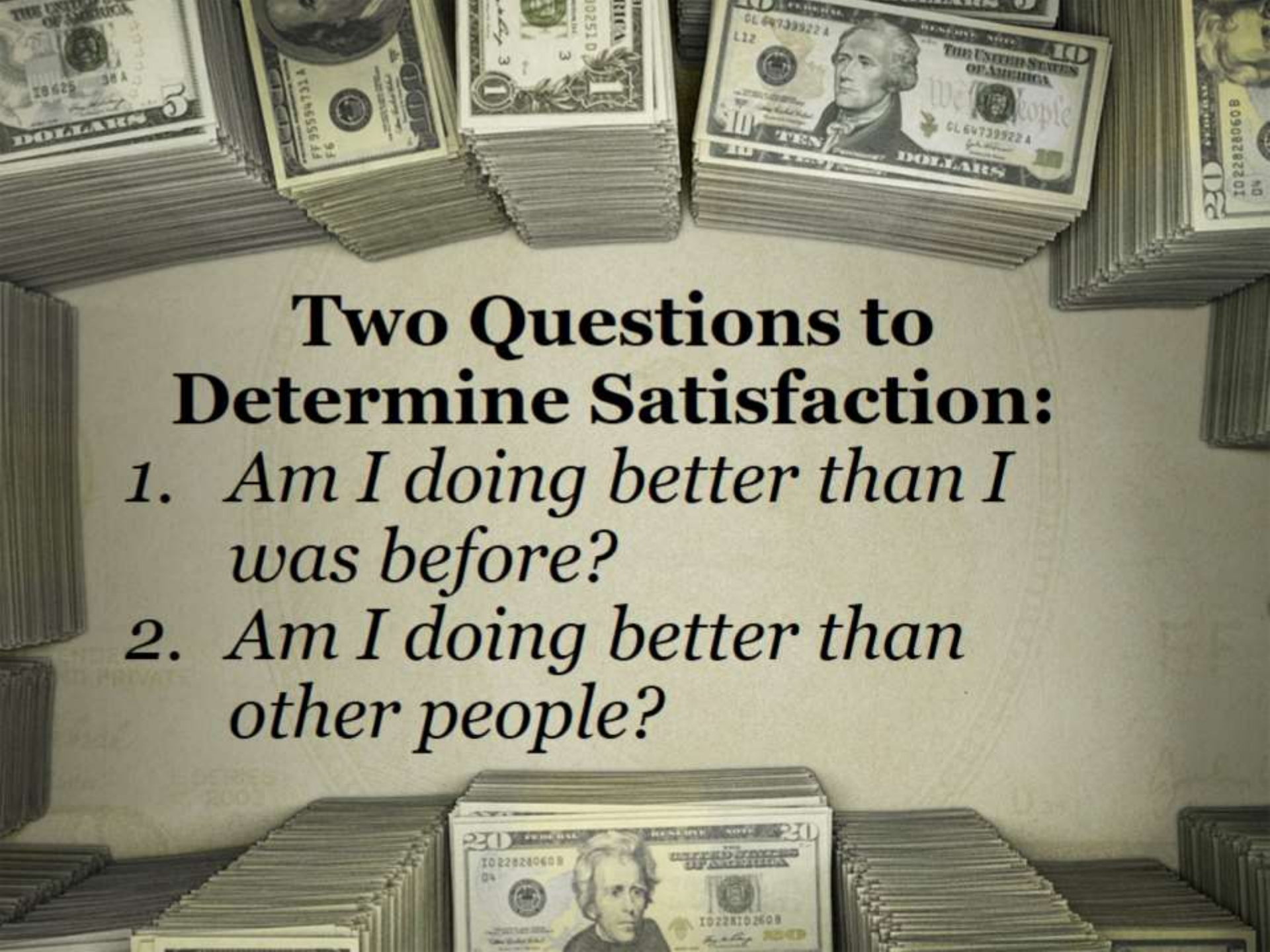
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A LIFE IN  
**BALANCE**

MICAH 6.8

The image features a central text overlay on a background of stacks of US dollar bills. The bills are arranged in a circular pattern, with stacks of various denominations (including \$5, \$1, \$10, and \$20) visible around the perimeter. The text is centered and reads:

**Research Topic:**  
*Wealth and  
Happiness*



## Two Questions to Determine Satisfaction:

- 1. Am I doing better than I was before?*
- 2. Am I doing better than other people?*



# **Do We See What God Sees?**

*Ecclesiastes 2:1-11*



***How does our  
world see money?***

## **Ecclesiastes 2**

**4** I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself; **5** I made gardens and parks for myself and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees; **6** I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees. **7** I bought male and female slaves and I had homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.



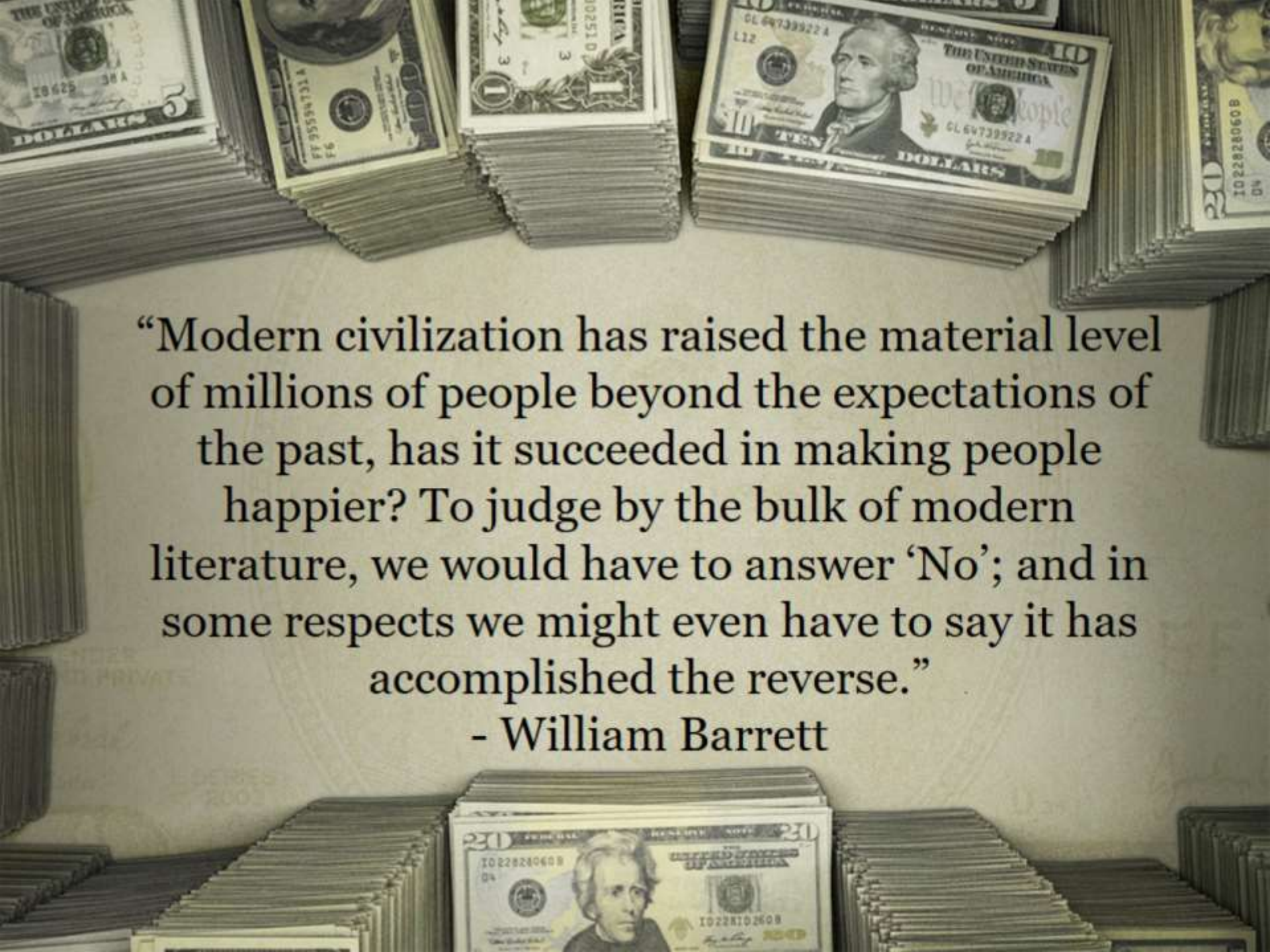
***How does our world see money?***

# *Status*



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“Modern civilization has raised the material level of millions of people beyond the expectations of the past, has it succeeded in making people happier? To judge by the bulk of modern literature, we would have to answer ‘No’; and in some respects we might even have to say it has accomplished the reverse.”

- William Barrett

# *Status*



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world see money?*

**Psalm 20:7** Some boast  
in chariots and in horses,  
but we will boast in the  
name of the Lord, our God.



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world see money?*

# *Status Security*



*How does our  
world see money?*

*When we look for status  
and security from money,  
we are expecting it to give  
what only God can provide.*





***How does God  
see money?***

## **2 Corinthians 9:10-11 –**

**10** Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; **11** you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgivings to God.



***How does God see money?***

# *A Blessing*



*How does God  
see money?*



## **2 Corinthians 9:13 –**

Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them all.



***How does God  
see money?***

***A Blessing***

***A Tool***



***How does God  
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