

- Read Deuteronomy 24:10-15, Psalm 24:1-6

Financial Services

- Flip chart how many different kinds of financial services products:
 - bank accounts, loans, mortgages, credit cards, insurance policies, savings accounts, special tax arrangements, pensions
- Put "Money" into google and the top listed entry - **sponsored!** - is for Tesco finance/loans...
- Why do people want money?

The provision of God

- The cry of the Psalmist:
 - *You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. (Psalm 65:9)*

The trust of the believer

- Malachi 3:8-12 - giving the tithe
- *1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19*
 - *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. (1 Timothy 6:17)*

The effect on the poor

- Just one example - *Deuteronomy 24:10-15*
 - provisions against justice over-taking compassion and mercy

How should a Christian interact with the Financial Services Industry?

- Apply these lessons to the products we identified earlier:
 - what does what we have learned say **about** these products
 - how might we interact as **consumers** with these products?
 - what **responsibility** do we have as consumers to complain / lobby / campaign / speak out about these products, if any?
 - how can we guard against placing our hope in financial security?