

CHASING THE CARROT

the endless pursuit of more

Money and Stuff

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1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

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1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV)

The Pursuit Of Something Eternal:

1. God has blessed me with MORE THAN I NEED.

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3. Because I have more, I will GIVE MORE and DO MORE.

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