
"No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24

Escaping Your "Spending Spree"

Defeating the Lure of Materialism

Managing Money God's Way - Part 2 of 7

Proverbs 27:20

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Proverbs 27:20 (GN) *"Human desires are like the world of the dead -- there is always room for more."*

WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE?

Because of three misconceptions:

*** Having more things will make me _____**

He who loves money shall never have enough. The foolishness of thinking that wealth brings happiness! The more you have, the more you spend... Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

*** Having more things will make me _____**

"Be on your guard against greed in any shape or form. For a man's real life in no way depends on the number of his possessions." Luke 12:15

*** Having more things will make me _____**

"The rich man thinks of his wealth as an impregnable defense, a high wall of safety. What a dreamer!"

Proverbs 18:11

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Rejoice in What I Do Have.

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Refocus on Permanent Values.

*Be wise enough not to wear yourself out trying to get rich.
Your money can be gone in a flash... Proverbs 23:4*

THE TRUTH:

- *"If I have put my trust in money, if my happiness depends on wealth, ... it would mean that I have denied the God of heaven." Job 31:24, 28 (LB)*

HOW TO BREAK THE GRIP OF MATERIALISM

■ **1. Resist** _____ ■

"We do not dare classify or compare ourselves... (it) is not wise." 2 Corinthians 10:12

- *"When we long to be rich we are a prey to temptation; we get trapped into all sorts of foolish and dangerous ambitions which eventually plunge us into ruin..."
1 Timothy 6:9*

■ **2. Rejoice in What** _____ ■

"It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else." Ecclesiastes 6:9

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have..." Hebrews 13:5

■ **3. Return** _____ **Back to God.** ■

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives." Deuteronomy 14:23

- *Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money which will soon be gone. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should ... give happily to those in need,*
- *always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity! 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

■ **THE ANTIDOTE TO MATERIALISM** ■

■ **4. Refocus** _____ ■

Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. Col. 3:2

- *"... the man who hears the message, but allows the cares of this world and his longing for money choke out God's Word, does less and less for God." Matthew 13:22*