

# WHAT'S HURTING US RIGHT NOW? MATERIALISM

## WHAT IS MATERIALISM?

**...a preoccupation with or stress upon material rather than intellectual or spiritual things.**” (Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary)

- Matthew 6:24 – “You cannot serve God and mammon.”
- Luke 8:14 – “cares, riches and pleasures of life”
- 1 Tim 6:9-10 – Love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.
- Colossians 3:5 – covetousness, which is idolatry.
- Luke 12:13-15 – Rich fool identified with covetousness and materialism.

## “THINGS” ARE NOT WRONG WITHIN THEMSELVES...

- 1 Tim 4:4 – “Every creature of God is \_\_\_\_\_, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving...”
- James 1:17 – “Every \_\_\_\_\_ gift and every perfect gift is from above...”

## THE KEY TO REMEMBERING THE ABOVE IS...

- Matthew 6:33 – seek \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God
- Matthew 16:26 – what \_\_\_\_\_ is it to a man if he gains the whole world...?

## UNDERSTANDING WEALTH AND POVERTY

**“give me neither wealth nor poverty. Feed me with the food that is my portion...”** – Proverbs 30:8

- James 2:5; Proverbs 13:7; Proverbs 19:1; Ecc. 4:6; 5:12

**WEALTH COMES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES...** Matt. 19:23-24; 1 Tim. 6:17-19

## ATTITUDES THAT LEAD TO MATERIALISM

- \_\_\_\_\_ – Prov. 27:20
- \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Judges 7:21
- Lack \_\_\_\_\_ – Ga. 5:23; 2 Pt. 1:6
- \_\_\_\_\_ to “things” – 1 John 2:16; 1 Cor. 10:13; Jam. 4:7

## HOW DOES MATERIALISM AFFECT US?

- It Affects Our \_\_\_\_\_ ... Our \_\_\_\_\_ ... The \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT MATERIALISM?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ourselves – 2 Corinthians 13:5
- \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Corinthians 7:10
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our Lives – Colossians 3:2
- Learn \_\_\_\_\_ – Philippians 4:11
- Conscious \_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_ Godly Things – Philippians 4:8
- Pray For \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 John 4:4

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