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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE PROBLEM OF MATERIALISM"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "FIGHTING FOR FAITHFULNESS"

**THERE WILL BE AN ORNAMENT PARTY FOR THE LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION DEC 9 AT 6 PM AT SHANNA ROBBINS HOUSE. PLEASE BRING AN ORNAMENT AND FINGER FOODS****BIRTHDAYS:**

Dec 7: Jason Chambers

12: Nelda Windham

13: J.D. Dailey

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## **TIMES OF SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

### **SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

#### **ELDERS:**

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## THE PROBLEM OF MATERIALISM

(Mark 8:36-37)

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of materialism.

- A. Materialism is defined as: preoccupation with or emphasis on material objects, comforts, and considerations, with a \_\_\_\_\_ in or \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual, intellectual, or cultural values.
- B. What materialism does is \_\_\_\_\_ God on the throne of our heart with the desire for and the pursuit of money and things of this life.
- C. Material \_\_\_\_\_ and materialism are two different things.
- D. So, materialism is a \_\_\_\_\_ that replaces the getting of wealth and goods over one's relationship with God.

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of materialism.

- A. We show a spirit of materialism when we are intent on \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- B. We show a spirit of materialism when we spend more time shopping and looking for things than we do in the \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual aims.
- C. If we get \_\_\_\_\_ when someone preaches or teaches about this topic we are showing signs of a problem (James 4:1-2).
- D. We show signs of being materialistic when we turn from the truth of God's word in order to \_\_\_\_\_ people so they won't leave the congregation.
- E. We show signs of materialism when we are so \_\_\_\_\_ up in our work that we fail to attend the way we should, trying to earn more money.
- F. We show signs of materialism by accumulating great amounts of \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of materialism.

- A. They don't make us \_\_\_\_\_ (Ecclesiastes 2:11; 1 Timothy 6:9-10).
- B. They are going to \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:19; 2 Peter 3:10-11).
- C. It will \_\_\_\_\_ us from God, the giver of all good things, here on earth (Isaiah 59:1-2).
- D. It will keep us out of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 6:9).

### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of overcoming materialism.

- A. The first word is "\_\_\_\_\_".
  - 1. God will \_\_\_\_\_ us if we confess that sin to Him and repent of it.
  - 2. We need someone who can hold us \_\_\_\_\_ (James 5:16).
- B. The second word is "\_\_\_\_\_".
  - 1. It is a learned \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:11).
  - 2. It is also a \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 13:5).

- C. The third word is “\_\_\_\_\_”.
1. We need to seek Him above all else (Matthew 6:33).
  2. Loving the things of the world is \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:15-17).
  3. When we love the world we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God (James 4:4).
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**THINGS MONEY CANNOT BUY**  
**J.K. Gossett**

Money and/or the love of money has been the downfall of many. “But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some have coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:9-10).

Consider: Achan’s love for silver and gold resulted in his death. He was stoned and burned (Joshua 7:10-26). Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, became a leper because of his covetousness (II Kings 5). Judas betrayed the Lord for thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 26: 14-16); Ananias and Sapphira lied to God about a gift to God and paid the supreme penalty - their lives (Acts 5:1-11). Countless others have fallen while pursuing wealth. Money is not inherently evil, but the love of it will destroy the soul. Consider now the things which money cannot buy:

1. A good name (Proverbs 22:1)
2. Forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Ephesians 1:7)
3. Spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3)
4. License to sin
5. Happiness, love, joy, and peace
6. Wisdom, knowledge
7. Good influence (Matthew 5:13-16)
8. Simon could not buy the gift of God with money (Acts 8:18-20)
9. The Grace of God (Titus 2:11-15)
10. Influence for good in the church

Conclusion: A CROWN of life is not to be purchased with money. To the contrary, it is reserved for those who faithfully serve the Lord (II Timothy 4:6-8).

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The desire for material things has never created lasting happiness. True happiness is

available to the one who will commit his/her life to God (1 John 1:4). A life lived for the Lord is a life that will be full of joy and happiness, even in the times when most people around us could find nothing in which to find joy. So many lasting blessings are ours when we rid ourselves of materialism and strive for the things of God (Ephesians 1:3). May we ever focus on our relationship with God and be content with the things we have so that we can be truly happy. (BW)