

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 26, 2016

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "DEALING WITH THE LOVE OF MONEY"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE GREATNESS OF FAITH"

VBS AT ELDRIDGE, JUNE 26-29

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OUR 5TH SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GOING TO BE GIVEN TO VARIOUS MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT: JULY - L.T. GURGANUS, OCTOBER - MSOP/GBN

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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

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DEALING WITH THE LOVE OF MONEY
(1 Timothy 6:6-10)

I. We need to understand the _____ (1 Timothy 6:6-8).

A. Be _____.

B. _____ is a part of being godly.

C. Godliness is used _____ times by inspiration in the book of 1 Timothy.

1. It has to do with _____ towards God.

2. To possess godliness indicates we are _____ to be like God in every way we possibly can.

D. If we are _____ to be like God, we will be _____ with that which God has given us.

E. The word for contentment means self-_____, a mind satisfied with its lot.

F. A person who is truly rich is a person who is _____ with what he has.

G. A Greek philosopher once said, "The secret of contentment is not to add to a man's possessions but to take away from his _____".

II. We must realize riches can be a _____ (1 Timothy 6:9).

A. The word for "will" carries the idea of _____.

1. The trap into which they've fallen is that of _____ and, based on the tense of the word fall, it is one into which they keep falling.

2. They fall into traps that are against God, which is the idea of _____.

3. They fall into traps that are harmful, which is the idea of _____.

B. Eventually, they fall into so many of these traps, that they drown in them and destroy their _____ and _____.

C. Think of all the sins people _____ out of greed.

III. We must avoid the money _____ (1 Timothy 6:10).

A. Paul starts this verse out with another truth: the love of money is the _____ of all kinds of evil.

B. Notice that Paul did not say money was _____.

C. The tragedy that occurs is that those who love it, covet after it, fall away from the _____.

1. They kill themselves _____.

2. Some do so by _____ a false gospel for money (1 Timothy 6:3-5).

3. Others, because of all the traps into which they've fallen, _____ in sin and leave the truth.

D. _____ is one of the greatest examples of someone who loved money but was tortured in mind and soul because of it.

Covetousness

Glenn Colley

Covetousness is a mindset found in the Old and New Testaments and is listed as one of the blackest sins. Just what is covetousness?

There are various shades of meaning in Scripture. The general meaning is “the inordinate desire to have more things than one possesses.” I usually say covetousness is when a man’s desire for things outruns his desire to please God. For example, Luke 12:16-21 is the account of the man who, when abundantly blessed by God, could only think of himself. He had the ability to help others, but let material things make him selfish.

Sometimes it means, “A calculated effort to acquire gain through dishonest, unfair, and unscrupulous means.” Paul was thinking of this when he penned, “For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness” (1 Thessalonians 2:5). I would put gambling in this category, wherein a man would try to take another man’s possessions by a game of chance. The man never hopes to lose his possessions, and gambles in hopes of acquiring another’s possessions without working for them. Covetousness is behind it all.

Sometimes covetousness is just loving money too much. The Pharisees were covetous (Luke 16:14). Paul wrote that “...in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous...,” and he used the word covetousness in this way when he wrote, “I have coveted no man’s silver, or gold, or apparel” (Acts 20:33).

Desire is natural, but covetousness is unnatural. When my desire for money and things is stronger than my desire to be honest, charitable, or to show kindness or genuine sympathy to others, I’m guilty of the sin of covetousness. Is it serious to be guilty of this? Yes: “...Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things which he possesses” (Luke 12:15). “But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater...with such an one not to eat” (1 Corinthians 5:11). “Mortify therefore you members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness...and covetousness which is idolatry” (Colossians 3:5).

The truth about covetousness makes it so important that I attend worship services faithfully. I need to be constantly exposed to good people and to the teaching of God’s word in order to keep my perspective clear. What really matters in life is not things – it’s people and their relationship to God. True success can only be defined one way ultimately: Living your life and going to heaven.