

"Possessions"

Southern Lakes Church Pastor Ken Brummel 11-16-25

- 1. Just for fun and to get the conversation started, talk about one thing you (or your spouse) should get rid of and why. [Remember to keep it light. ©]
- 2. Do you agree or disagree with Pastor Ken's statement that "the average American has too much stuff." What evidence do you have for your conclusion?
- 3. READ Ecclesiastes 2:4-8,17 and I Chronicles 9:13-28. How rich was Solomon? Does wealth determine true success or happiness?
- 4. READ Matthew 6:24 and 6:21. What was Jesus trying to help people understand with these statements?
- 5. READ Psalm 107:9. What is the only thing that can satisfy our soul? What happens when we try to satisfy our soul with other things? What are some "possessions" that people often try to substitute for God?
- 6. READ I Timothy 6:6-10. What is contentment and where does it come from?
- 7. READ Exodus 20:3,17. What is the connection between the first and last commandments? What is coveting and how does it point to a lack of contentment? (See also Colossians 3:5)
- 8. READ Matthew 6:33 and Luke 12:15. How do these verses help us to have a "biblical worldview" when it comes to possessions? Why do you think many people are not living by these truths?
- 9. Talk about the following practical ways to make sure stuff is not your god:
 - (1) Stop accumulating.
 - (2) Simplify
 - (3) Give it away.
 - (4) Remember, "it's all gonna burn!"
 - (5) Find your identity in your Savior, not your stuff.
- 10. What are the four steps to freedom from idols? What do you think ultimately breaks the power of money and possessions in our lives? (See II Corinthians 8:9)
- 11. Discuss the Principle of Replacement and four ways (in notes) to practice this.
- 12. Identify one Next Step for you to take this week. Pray for one another!