



“Possessions”

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The average American has _____!

Ecclesiastes 2:4-8,17: King Solomon had it all [II Chronicles 9:13-28] but there was a time when he took his eyes off the Lord and it led to _____ (emptiness, futility, and a wasted life.)

Ask yourself some questions...

1. Where is my _____?

- Matthew 6:24; 6:21 = Think about what you treasure.
- **Exodus 20:3** “have no other gods before Me.”
 - o An Idol is _____ that replaces God’s rightful place as #1 in our lives.
 - o **The problem with idols** is that we try to fill our hearts/lives with other things than God.
- The stuff of this world will never satisfy the _____.
 - o **Psalms 107:9** “For He satisfies the longing soul...”

Application: Are you taking good things and making them the ultimate thing?

2. Am I _____?

- I Timothy 6:6-10. Three truths/insights...
 - o (1) What is great gain?
 - o (2) What is contentment?
 - “Realizing God has given me _____ for my present happiness.”
 - Is it a NEED or a WANT?
 - o (3) What does the love of money lead to?

- What is the first Commandment? (Exodus 20:3)
- What is the last Commandment? (Exodus 20:17)
 - o What is coveting?
 - o Colossians 3:5

Application: On a scale of 1-10 how content are you?

3. Who’s _____ am I building?

- Matthew 6:33. Are you a wise steward?
- Luke 12:15. Are you rich toward God?

Application: Is your treasure on earth or in heaven?

Five ways to make sure stuff isn’t your god:

- (1) Stop _____.
- (2) Simplify
- (3) _____ it away.
- (4) Remember, “it’s all gonna burn!”
- (5) Find your identity in your _____, not your _____.

***What breaks the power of possessions?** A greater appreciation of the Gospel and what Jesus has done for us. (II Corinthians 8:9)

Four Steps to Freedom:

1. Name Them.

2. _____ of Them.

3. Destroy Them.

4. _____ Them.

- o (1) Renew your mind.
- o (2) Have a daily God Time.
- o (3) Change the channel. (Phil. 4:8)
- o (4) Address the _____.

Example of Achan: “You cannot stand before your enemies until you put away the accursed thing.” Joshua 7:13

NEXT STEPS?