

"Overcoming The Myth of MORE!"

Sermon Series: Confronting Our Culture

Proverbs 27:20

"Human desires are like the world of the dead. There is always room for more."

-Proverbs 27:20 (TEV)

I. WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE?

Three Myths and Misconceptions In Our Culture....

1. Having more things will make me more happy.
2. Having more things will make me more important.
3. Having more thing will make me more secure.

1. Having More Things Will Make Me More HAPPY.

"He who loves money shall never have enough. The foolishness of thinking that wealth brings happiness! The more you have, the more you spend."

-Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

2. Having More Things Will Make Me More IMPORTANT.

"Be on you guard against greed in any shape or form. For a man's real life in no way depends on the number of his possessions."

-Luke 12:15

3. Having More Things Will Make Me More SECURE.

"The rich man thinks of his wealth as an impregnable defense, a high wall of safety. What a dreamer!"

-Proverbs 18:11

"Be wise enough not to wear yourself out trying to get rich. Your money can be gone in a flash."

-Proverbs 23:4

"If I put my trust in money, if happiness depends on wealth it would mean that I have denied the God of heaven."

-Job 31:24, 28

II. KEYS TO BREAKING THE HOLD OF MATERIALISM!

1. RESIST Comparing What I Have To Others.

"We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves- it is not wise."

-2 Corinthians 10:12

"When we long to be rich, we're a prey to temptation. We get trapped into all sorts of foolish and dangerous ambitions which eventually plunge us into ruin."

-1 Timothy 6:9 (JB)

2. REJOICE In What I Do Have.

"It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else."

-Ecclesiastes 6:9 (TEV)

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have."

-Hebrews 13:5

3. RETURN The First Ten Percent Back To God.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives."

-Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

"Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money which will soon be gone. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should....give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this, they will be storing real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is only the safe investment for eternity!"

-1 Timothy 6:17-19

4. REFOCUS On Permanent Values.

"Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things."

-Colossians 3:2

"...the man who hears the message, but allows the cares of this world and his long for money choke out God's Word, does less and less for God."

-Matthew 13:22 (TLB)

"No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve both God and money."

-Matthew 6:24