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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"Learning to Think About 'Our' Money in God's Way—Pt. 2"
Luke 12:15

PM: Brian Mitchell
"The Dangers of Human Knowledge"
1 Corinthians 8:1-3

Learning to Think about Our Money In God's Way

"God lets men have their playthings like little children that they may learn to distinguish them from true and valuable possessions. If they are not learning that lesson, then He takes them away; that through the lack of them and misery thereof they may finally learn what is most valuable." "The more things men seek, the more varied the things they imagine they need, the more they are subject to vanity—all the forms of which may be summed up with one word, that being disappointment. He who would not be overwhelmed with this disappointment must seek for that which is truly valuable and not merely temporal."

The point of these quotations is to demonstrate the folly of seeking after, with one's whole heart, that which will not endure and in the end will not bring any lasting fulfillment. Possessions and wealth are not inherently evil, the inordinate all-consuming pursuit of them is. It is fine to have material possessions, the problem is when we are never satisfied with the possessions we have and so we continually want more and more and more. When we don't find ultimate fulfillment in these possessions we wonder why.

The problem is when our things possess us instead of us possessing our things and using them for God's glory. "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Lk.12:15). Covetousness—the strong desire for that which others have, characterized by greed. The problem for many Americans is that they are never satisfied with what they have, they are as we shall discuss later, addicted to the pursuit of material possessions.

Constantly we are bombarded with images from T.V., magazines, movies and books that encourage us to desire more. Often with the sense of entitlement that says in effect that "you deserve everything you want." One of the greatest causes of the current economic crisis is the financial overextension of many American families who simply used credit to afford lifestyles that in essence they simply could not afford. Thus, when the credit dried up and the housing market crashed, people finally woke up to the reality that they were in dire financial straits.

What was the root cause—materialistic greed and covetousness which is the closest biblical word to materialism. Sadly, the church has not gone unaffected by this dilemma and thus materialism in all its ugly forms is one of Satan's greatest weapons against the people of God. We want and do not have and so instead of learning to be content with what we have, we simply want for more and do whatever we can to get it.

One of the greatest ironies of covetousness and materialism, especially in relation to how dangerous it is, is the difficulty of detecting or admitting the sin in our own lives. That is why it is one of Satan's most deceptive weapons. In an article written by Paul Keller, a Catholic priest was reported as saying that "in all of his years of hearing confession, he had heard people admit to every sin imaginable—except the sin of covetousness."

This is because when it comes to materialism and the covetous attitudes which lead to it, it is extremely hard for any of us to admit that our own materialistic desires have become either selfish or excessive. That is why it is time for us to be honest about this problem and if guilty of it we need to repent and start putting first things first again.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 76
Sunday AM: 128
Sunday PM: 75
Wednesday PM: 96
Contribution: \$5305
Budget: \$4831

Weekly Wisdom

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hands I
commit my spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my
faithful God.

Psalms 31:4-5

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Baden Hackworth: 07.02
Hannah Mitchell: 07.05
Jennifer Huskey: 07.08

Anniversary

Troy & Terri Bryan: 07.02



Serving This Week

Announcements: Randy Seabaugh

SUNDAY

Greeters: Nate & Christi Crowden
Ushers: Todd Newman/Shawn Myers
A/V: Greg Dowdy
Nursery: Emma Seabaugh
Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland
Head Lord's Table: Phil Singleton
Scripture: Michael Newman
Prayers:
AM: Steve Simmons/Charlie Kluesner
PM: Kevin Bolen/Wally Eck

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs
Devo: Patrick Adam (Festus, MO)
 "Peace"
A/V: Greg Dowdy
Prayer: Mat Kee

Elder Chair: Allen Hedge

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Doug Lester

Chronological Bible Reading

July 2: 2 Kings 1-4
July 3: 2 Kings 5-8
July 4: 2 Kings 9-11
July 5: 2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chronicles 24
July 6: 2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25
July 7: Jonah 1-4
July 8: 2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Allen family, Darlene Bartolo (knee replacement), **Esther Beck** (cancer), **Melissa Brown, Tim Corzine** (Steve's son—fall/healing), **Bill Dillman** (Marcia Ridenour's dad), **Melva Floyd** (Susan Floyd mother-in-law—hip), **Newt & Kay Gilliland, Jalonda Harris** (Silvers' daughter-in-law—cancer), **Allen & Juanita Hedge, Sonny Huskey** (Jack's dad), **Francis & Diana Ivanovich, Betty Jones, Scott Lanpher** (Barbara's son), **Kay Menz** (Kayli Naramore's grandmother—hospice), **Carolyn Neese, Brent Newton** (eye hemorrhage), **Mary Jo Parker** (Barbara Brown's sister—Cancer), **Martha Riehn** (Susan Seabaugh's sister-in-law—chemo), **Sandra Shell** (Kathy Green's niece—health), **Susan Seabaugh, Steve Simmons, Edd Sterchi** (back), **Jerry Ward** (bypass surgery), **Chris Weaver**

Remember in Prayer

- **Wally Eck** had some issues with his heart rate on Sunday but after a short hospital visit, he is back home and doing well.
- **Lynne Welshans** has some substantial blockage in her carotid artery and will see a vascular doctor soon to make a plan for treatment.
- Scott Spraggs's brother, **Donald Spraggs** has been diagnosed with Stage 1 lung cancer and will begin radiation soon.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ryan & Mikayla Foltz (and Mike & Leigh Ann Green and Jim & Kathy Green) on the birth of their family's newest addition! **Casen Vaughn** arrived Wednesday morning...he's perfect and everyone is doing great!

News & Notes

- Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is this **Wednesday, July 5** from 2:30-6:30pm. Please donate if you can as the need is critical.
- The truck from **Paragould Children's Homes** will be here to pick up on Monday, July 10. The following items are on our shopping list for this quarter: **Scotch/Masking Tape, Napkins, Paper Plates/Cups, Spaghetti O's, Ketchup, Liquid Fabric Softener.** Please have items at the building by next **Sunday, July 9.**
- Please sign up if you would be interested in attending a **Concealed Carry Class.** No date has been set yet. See Shawn Myers, Kenny Simmons, or Troy Bryan with questions.
- We are working on our upcoming year of Thursday School and are in need of a couple of individuals who are willing to assist in classrooms. Please see Joy Kaye if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with this outreach program that has blessed our community for more than 35 years.
- Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on **Sunday, July 23** for a lunch potluck after morning services. Bring a dish or two and stay for a great time of fellowship with your church family!
- Updated **directories** are printed and available for pickup on the entryway table. They have also been emailed if you prefer to use the pdf format on your devices.

Elder/Deacon Selection

- **Todd Newman** has been placed before the congregation as a candidate to serve as elder. Please prayerfully consider Todd and this work and visit with him privately over the next couple of days with any questions or concerns. He will be introduced as an elder **this Sunday** if there are no issues that prohibit that appointment.

Youth Corner

- Please sign up if you would be willing to host the youth for Dessert and Devo on an upcoming Thursday evening. See Christopher with questions.
- **July 6:** Dessert & Devo hosted by the Fehrs
- **July 9-14:** BYC Session 3

YOU FREE ME FROM THE
 NET LAID OUT FOR ME,
 FOR YOU ARE MY REFUGE.
 - PSALM 31:4