



Series: MONEY MATTERS

Sermon: Part 2: Materialism Traps

Date: Sunday, January 15th, 2023

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Matthew 6:24)

_____ : where money or things become central in our life instead of God

If you are willing to sacrifice for the sake of _____, but will not sacrifice for the sake of _____, then the reality is that money is your god.

_____ : Someone that an owner entrusts with the management of their possessions

We are all managers and not owners.

Then He [Jesus] said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

“Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” (1 Timothy 6:9-10)

The Dangers of Materialism

1. Materialism can cause us to _____ God and destroy our spiritual lives

2. Materialism can bring us _____ and more anxiety

Our reaction to the stuff we have really just reveals who we really think the owner is.

3. Materialism causes us to be _____ sufficient and prideful



“When I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, the land I promised on oath to their ancestors, and when they eat their fill and thrive, they will turn to other gods and worship them, rejecting Me and breaking My covenant.” (Deuteronomy 31:20)

4. Materialism _____ injustice and exploitation

5. Materialism ends in _____

“I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man’s heart. I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me....I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind... I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 2:8-11, 19-20, 12:13-14)

Bottom Line: *Materialism is where money or things become central in our life instead of God.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. How often do you find yourself worrying about money and the stuff that you have?
2. Are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of money, but not sacrifice for the sake of Jesus?
3. Whom have you influenced spiritually and for eternity with what you have?
4. What has your handling of money and possessions accomplished for eternity?

Songs used in service: Give Me Faith (Elevation Worship), The Way (Pat Barrett), Who You Say I Am (Hillsong), King of My Heart (Steffany Gretzinger)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?