



“MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON
EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH
OF GOD.”
– LUKE 4:4, DEUT. 8:3

MATERIALISM

PART 2

RECAP

- DEFINITION
- CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIALISTIC INDIVIDUALS
 - UNGENEROUS
 - ENVIOUS
 - POSSESSIVENESS
- POTENTIATING FACTORS
 - MEDIA
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- **PART 2**
 - **WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE?**
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WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE?

MISCONCEPTIONS

1. HAVING MORE THINGS WILL MAKE ME MORE HAPPY

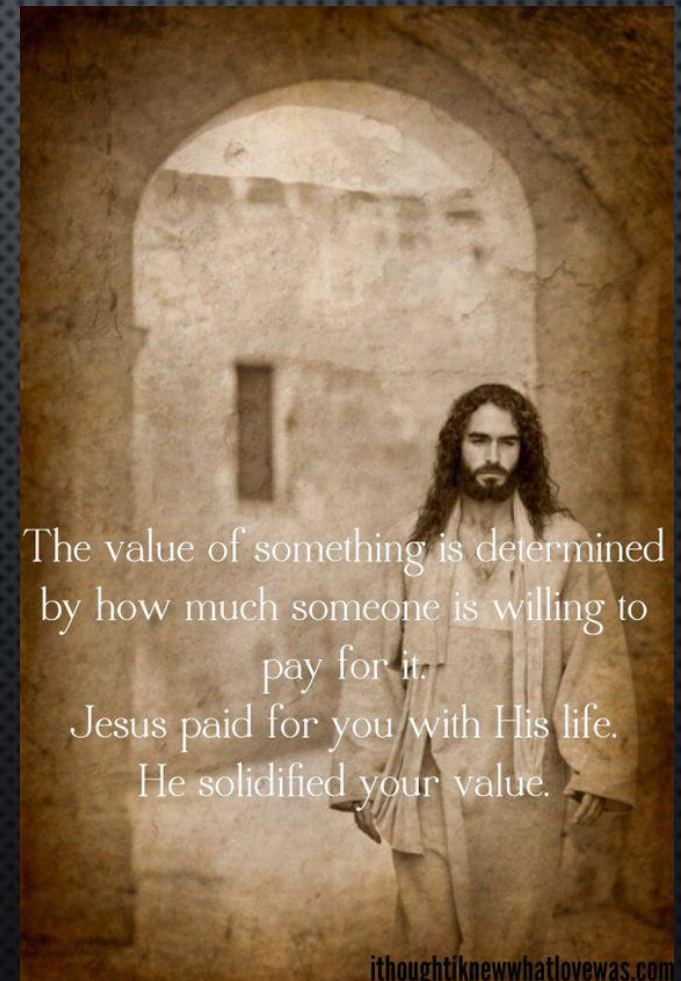
- “HE WHO LOVES SILVER WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH SILVER; NOR HE WHO LOVES ABUNDANCE, WITH INCREASE. THIS ALSO IS VANITY. WHEN GOODS INCREASE, THEY INCREASE WHO EAT THEM.”
(Eccl. 5:10-11)



WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE?

2. HAVING MORE THINGS WILL MAKE ME MORE IMPORTANT

“TAKE HEED AND BEWARE OF
COVETOUSNESS, FOR ONE'S LIFE
DOES NOT CONSIST IN THE
ABUNDANCE OF THE THINGS HE
POSSESSES.” (Lk. 12:15)



The value of something is determined
by how much someone is willing to
pay for it.
Jesus paid for you with His life.
He solidified your value.

WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE?

3. HAVING MORE THINGS WILL MAKE ME MORE SECURE

“THE RICH MAN'S WEALTH IS HIS
STRONG CITY, AND LIKE A HIGH
WALL IN HIS OWN ESTEEM.”

(PROV. 18:11)



BREAKING FREE FROM MATERIALISM

1. RESIST COMPARING

- “FOR WE DARE NOT CLASS OURSELVES OR COMPARE OURSELVES WITH THOSE WHO COMMEND THEMSELVES. BUT THEY, MEASURING THEMSELVES BY THEMSELVES, AND COMPARING THEMSELVES AMONG THEMSELVES, ARE NOT WISE.” (2 COR. 10:12)



- COMPARING WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO COVETING
- “BUT THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE RICH FALL INTO TEMPTATION AND A SNARE, AND INTO MANY FOOLISH AND HARMFUL LUSTS WHICH DROWN MEN IN DESTRUCTION AND PERDITION.” (1 TIM. 6:9)

2. REJOICE IN WHAT I HAVE

- “BETTER IS THE SIGHT OF THE EYES THAN THE WANDERING OF DESIRE. THIS ALSO IS VANITY AND GRASPING FOR THE WIND.” (ECCL. 6:9)
- “LET YOUR CONDUCT BE WITHOUT COVETOUSNESS; BE CONTENT WITH SUCH THINGS AS YOU HAVE.” (HEB. 13:5)



3. RETURN TO GOD

- “COMMAND THOSE WHO ARE RICH IN THIS PRESENT AGE NOT TO BE HAUGHTY, NOR TO TRUST IN UNCERTAIN RICHES BUT IN THE LIVING GOD, WHO GIVES US RICHLY ALL THINGS TO ENJOY. LET THEM DO GOOD, THAT THEY BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, READY TO GIVE, WILLING TO SHARE, STORING UP FOR THEMSELVES A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE TIME TO COME, THAT THEY MAY LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE.” (1 TIM. 6:17-19)



4. REFOCUS YOUR PERMANENT VALUES

- “SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH.” (COL. 3:2)
- “AND NOW ABIDE FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.” (1 COR. 13:13)
- “AND I SAY TO YOU, MAKE FRIENDS FOR YOURSELVES BY UNRIGHTEOUS MAMMON, THAT WHEN YOU FAIL, THEY MAY RECEIVE YOU INTO AN EVERLASTING HOME.” (LK. 16:9)



SUMMARY

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(MISCONCEPTIONS)
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