

Review

20. List several people who were dishonest in the Bible.

Cain, Abraham, Jacob, David, Lawyer, Ananias & Sapphira, Rich Men who withheld wages (Jam. 5:4)

21. What are some reasons why people are dishonest?

Peer Pressure; Norms of friends, society; one's own appetite, pride, ignorance.

17. List the 10 principals to determine whether something is right or wrong and its associated Scriptures.

1. Is it sinful — Gal. 5:17-25, 1 John 3:4, 5:17
2. Is it doubtful — Rom. 2:15, 14:23, 1 Cor. 8:11-13
3. Is it a stumbling block — Matt. 18:5-7, 10, Rom. 14:13,15
4. Does it stir lust — Rom. 13:13-14
5. Does it involve associations that lead to sin — Prov. 1:15, 13:20, 22:24-25, 1 Cor. 5:6, 15:33

6. Is it honorable — Rom. 12:17, 1 Cor. 10:30-33
7. Have you put Christ first — Matt. 6:33, Phil. 3:8
8. Is it an act of love — Rom. 12:9, 13:8-10
9. Is it lawful (civil) - 1 Pet. 2:13-17
10. Does it cause you to have a share in what is sinful — 1 Cor. 10:14-21

16. In Tit. 2:1, 10-14, what are 3 things that God's people are instructed to do?

- 1) deny ungodliness & worldly desires
- 2) live sensibly, righteously and godly
- 3) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of God

15. In I Pet. 1:14-19, what is to be the norm of their lives?

Be holy as written by the Holy One, vs. 15-16

Materialism

OBJECTIVE:

OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE THE
DANGER OF MATERIALISM IN OUR
LIVES.

Definition

THE VIEW THAT MAKES ACQUIRING AND PRESERVATION OF MATERIAL THINGS THAT WHICH CONSUMES ONE'S TIME, ENERGY, AND ACTIVITIES, CROWDING OUT OTHER PRIORITIES.

Beware of Materialism!

Lk. 12:15-21

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Highlight in different colors:

- Words that describe **material things** (e.g., “inheritance,” “possessions,” etc.)

“I” and “my” words

“Greed” (“covetousness” KJV, NKJV, ESV).

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Based on the context write a definition of what Jesus meant by this word “greed”.

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1 - vv. 21-22

NOT RICH TOWARD GOD

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LIFE CONSISTS MORE OF THINGS

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NATIONS SEEK IT

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- Highlight **attitude** toward material things.

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Mental Honesty

Matt. 6:19-24

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 “But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 “The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

23 “But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

- Highlight in different colors:

- ♦ treasures.

- ♦ eye.

- Is verse 19 true?

NO, PART OF “NOT/BUT”, EMPHASIS IS ON TREASURES IN HEAVEN.

- What is the eye?

MENTAL FACULTIES WHICH APPREHENDS DIVINE TRUTH AND GUIDES OUR LIFE.

- What does this phrase mean, “if therefore your eye is clear”?

TO BE MENTALLY HONEST, THINK CLEARLY BASED ON TRUTH AND HONESTY.