



“DO NOT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH...” – MATTHEW 6:19

MATERIALISM

PART 1

WE LIVE IN A WORLD CONSUMED WITH CONSUMING

- THE AVERAGE AMERICAN SPENDS \$1300 FOR EVERY \$1000 THEY EARN (TIME MAGAZINE)
- CONSIDER BLACK FRIDAY



OUTLINE

1. DEFINITION
2. CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIALISTIC INDIVIDUALS
3. POTENTIATING FACTORS
4. WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE? (MISCONCEPTIONS)
5. BREAKING FREE
 - “SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED TO YOU.” (MATT. 6:33)

DEFINITION

- PREOCCUPATION WITH OR EMPHASIS ON MATERIAL OBJECTS, COMFORTS, AND CONSIDERATIONS, WITH A DISINTEREST IN OR REJECTION OF SPIRITUAL, INTELLECTUAL, OR CULTURAL VALUES.
- MATERIALISM HAS COME TO DOMINATE OUR LIFE



CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIALISTIC PEOPLE

1. UNGENEROUS

- EX: THE GOOD SAMARITAN

2. ENVIOUS

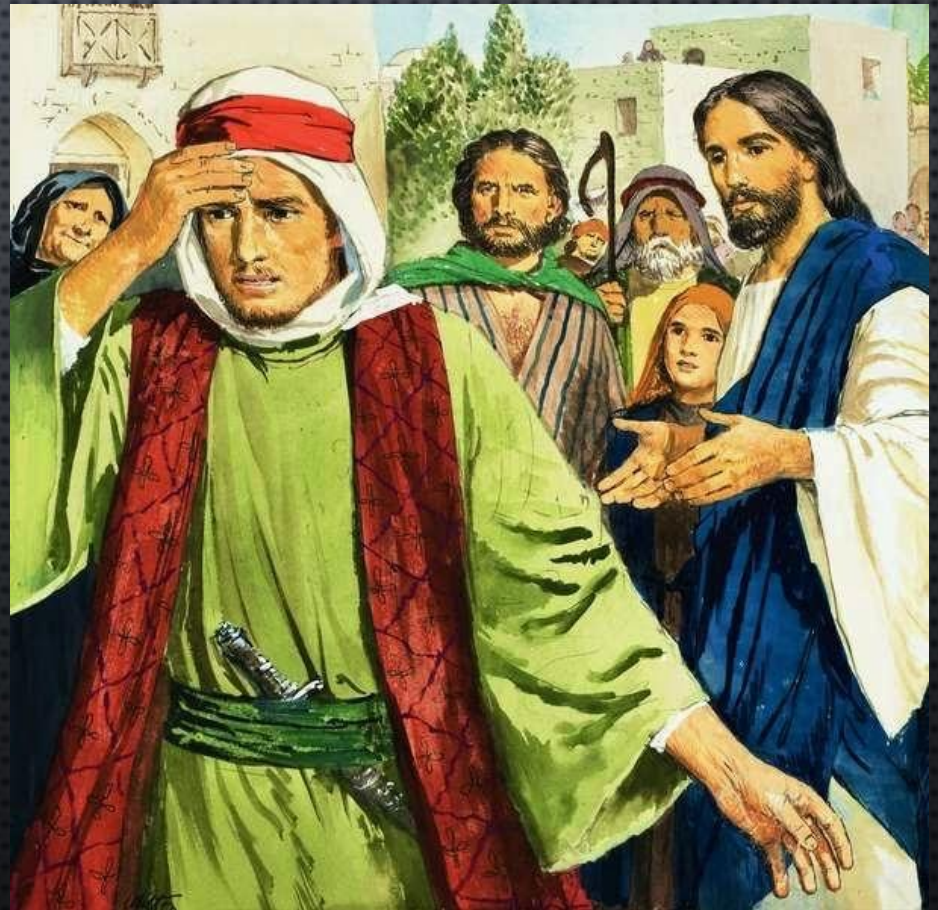
- “SO AHAB WENT INTO HIS HOUSE SULLEN AND DISPLEASED BECAUSE OF THE WORD WHICH NABOTH THE JEZREELITE HAD SPOKEN TO HIM; FOR HE HAD SAID, “I WILL NOT GIVE YOU THE INHERITANCE OF MY FATHERS.” AND HE LAY DOWN ON HIS BED, AND TURNED AWAY HIS FACE, AND WOULD EAT NO FOOD.” (1 KINGS 21:4)



CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIALISTIC PEOPLE

3. POSSESSIVENESS

- THE RICH YOUNG RULER



POTENTIATING FACTORS

1. MEDIA

- AVERAGE AMERICAN SPENDS ABOUT 7.4HRS DAILY IN FRONT OF A SCREEN
 - TV = 143 MIN.
 - COMPUTER – 103 MIN.
 - SMARTPHONE – 151 MIN.
 - TABLET – 43 MIN.



2. PARENTING

SUMMARY

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