MARCH SERMON SERIES

LESSON EIGHT: MATERIALISM HINDERS US FROM SEEKING GOD

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“I can seek God and find Him. God is knowable, touchable, hearable, seeable, with the mind, the hands, the ears and the eyes of the inner man."

Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always.

I Chronicles 16:11



Lifestyle Distractions that hinder us from SEEKING God:

Over-commitment

Busyness

Materialism

Lesson Eight:
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Are We Too Materialistic?




“If material things are what you’re talking about when you say, “I’m blessed,” You have no idea about blessings.”

Scripture Lesson:
MATTHEW 6:19-33



Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

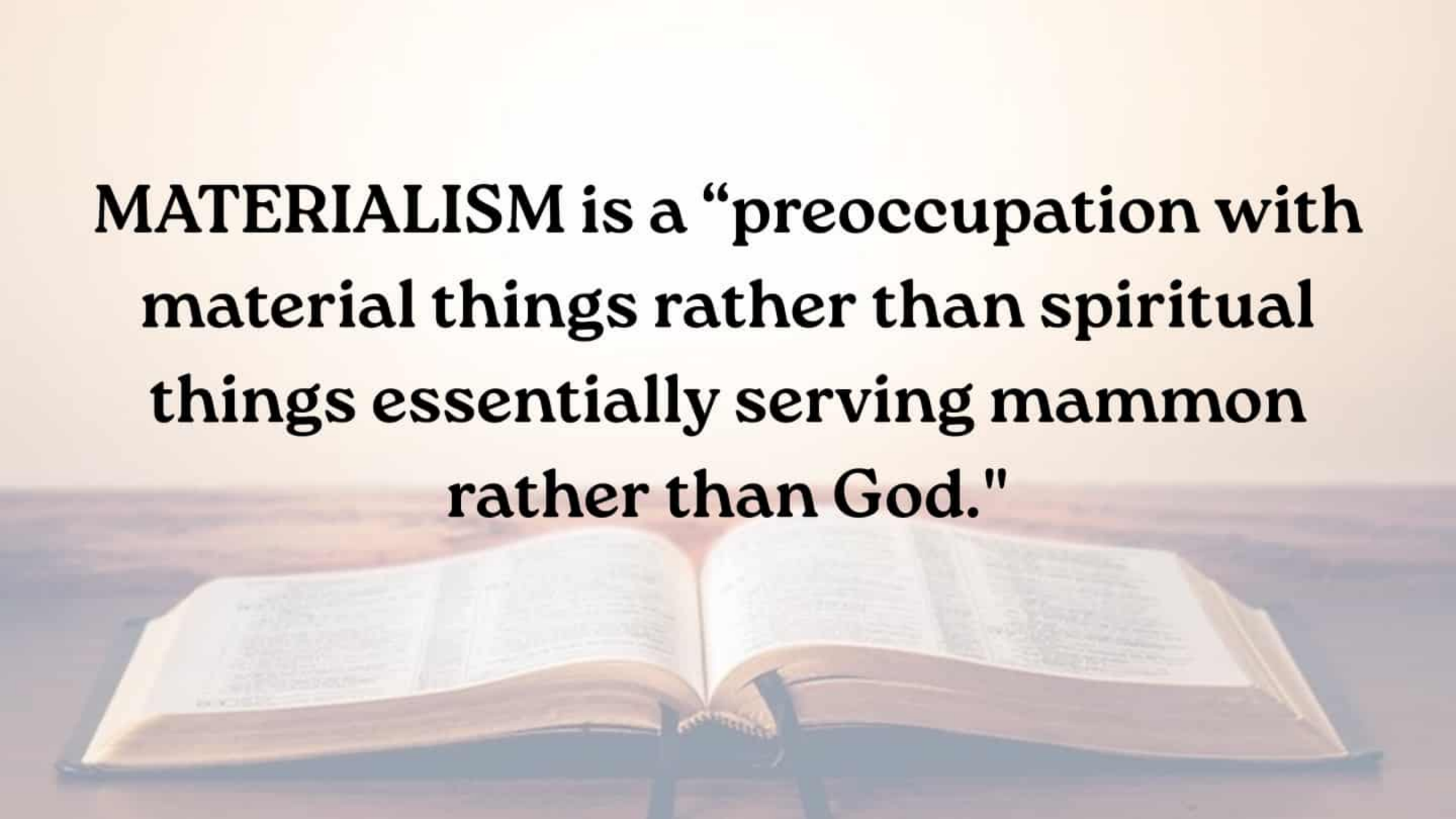
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

“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.
“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

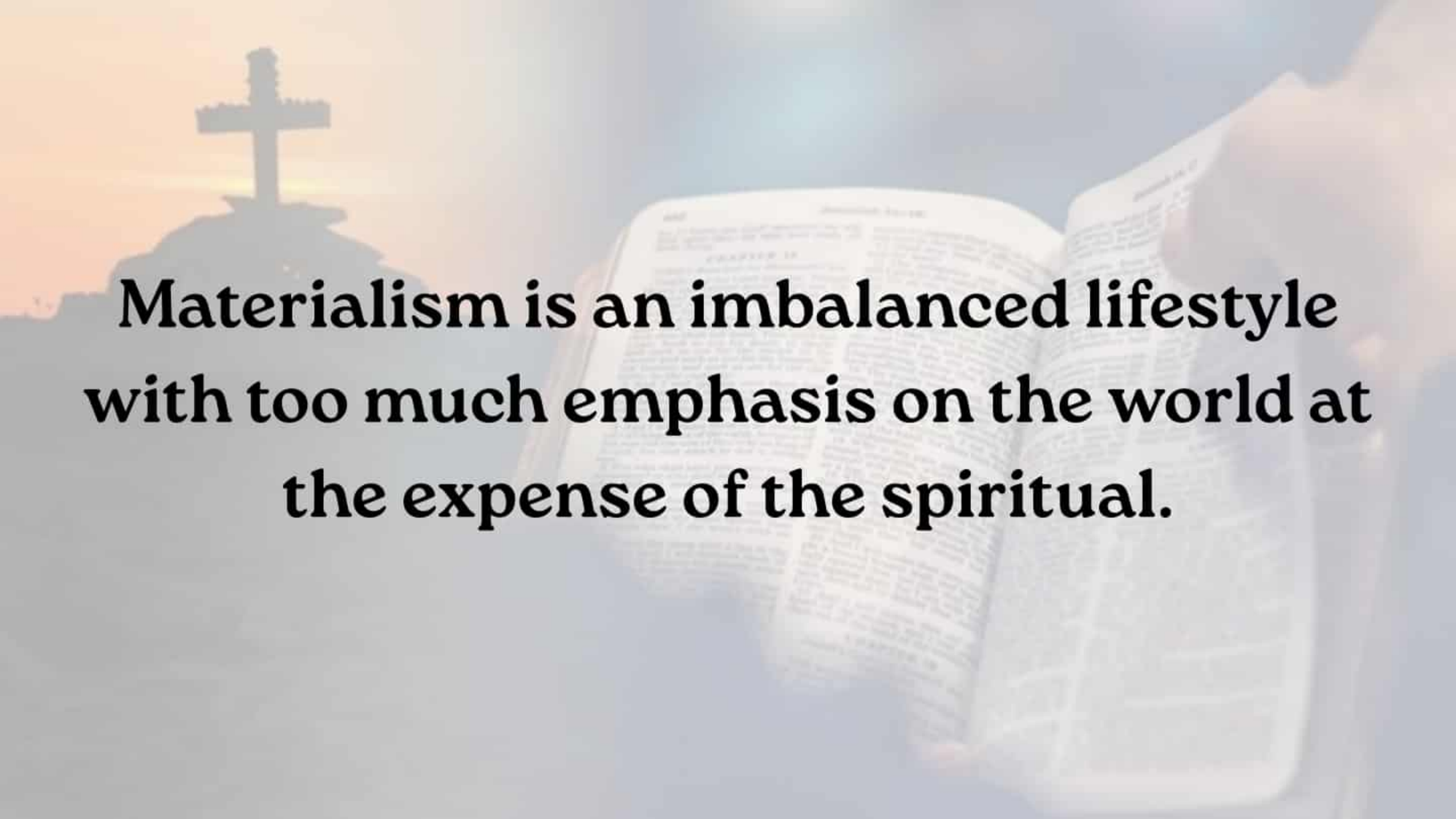
Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.


MATERIALISM is a “preoccupation with material things rather than spiritual things essentially serving mammon rather than God."


Matthew 6:19-33:
* Storing
* Seeing
* Serving
* Seeking



Materialism is an imbalanced lifestyle with too much emphasis on the world at the expense of the spiritual.

Four Reasons that's Wrong with Materialism:



1. The Materialist Seeks the Wrong Satisfactions.



For the love of money [that is, the greedy desire for it and the willingness to gain it unethically] is a root of all sorts of evil.

I Timothy 6:10

God has given us all things richly to enjoy.

I Timothy 6:17





2. The Materialist Stores Up the Wrong Things.

“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep in order to gain that which he will never lose.”

3. The Materialist Serves the Wrong Master.

“Mammon is a jealous master who will not be served halfheartedly and will suffer no rival-not even God,” demanding a choice between material pursuit and divine devotion.”

“Having money in your pocket is nice, but having the Lord in your heart is a million times better.”

4. The Materialist Sees Life Through the Wrong Lens.

When life feels blurry, it’s time to adjust your spiritual lens.

Two Ways to Overcome Materialism:

1. Know Who You Are.
(Luke 2:15)
2. Know Where You're Going.
(Eccles. 5:15)


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