

b. Measure success by spiritual _____, not material gain.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." **Colossians 3:23–24 (NIV)**

*Before a purchase, ask: "Will this _____ 10 years from now?"

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize **Psalm 24:1 (NIV)**
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time today
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism

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MEMORY VERSE:

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it."*

Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

I. WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE?

"Human desires are like the world of the dead—there is always room for more." **Proverbs 27:20 (GNB)**

Because of three misconceptions:

a. Having more things will make me _____.

"He who loves money shall never have enough. The foolishness of thinking that wealth brings happiness! The more you have, the more you spend..."

Ecclesiastes 5:10–11 (LB)

b. Having more things will make me more _____.

"Be on your guard against greed in any shape or form. For a man's real life in no way depends on the number of his possessions." **Luke 12:15 (PH)**

c. Having more things will make me more _____.

"The rich man thinks of his wealth as an impregnable defense, a high wall of safety. What a dreamer!"

Proverbs 18:11 (LB)

"Be wise enough not to wear yourself out trying to get rich. Your money can be gone in a flash..." **Proverbs 23:4 (GN)**

The Truth:

"If I have put my trust in money, if my happiness depends on wealth, or if I have looked at the sun shining in the skies or the moon walking down her silver pathway and my heart has been secretly enticed, and I have worshiped them by kissing my hand to them, this, too, must be punished by the judges. For if I had done such things, it would mean that I denied the God of heaven." **Job 31:24–28 (LB)**

II. HOW TO BREAK THE GRIP OF MATERIALISM

1. FIND HAPPINESS IN CHRIST, NOT IN _____

a. Learn the discipline of _____.

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth."

1 Timothy 6:6 (NLT)

Action Step: Instead of asking:

- "What more can I get?" ask, "What can I live without?"

*Try fasting from unnecessary purchases for a week to reset your heart.

b. Refocus your _____ in Christ.

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Colossians 3:2 (NIV)

Action Step: Write down I am Statements like:

- I am chosen
- I am loved
- I am secure in Christ

* Keep a gratitude journal; thank God daily for what you already have.

2. PRACTICE GENEROSITY _____

a. Start with what you have.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." **2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)**

*Don't wait until you're "rich" to give; start by setting aside a portion of what you already earn.

b. Return the _____ - _____ back to God.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives." **Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)**

c. Make giving a _____, not a reaction.

*Consider automating your giving.

d. Give beyond _____.

*Be generous with your time, encouragement and skills. Sometimes people need your presence more than your presents.

3. INVEST IN ETERNAL TREASURES

a. Serve _____, not just projects.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." **Galatians 6:9–10 (NIV)**

*Commit to one consistent ministry where your investment touches lives directly.