

BIGGER BARNES
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"The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart"
(1 Samuel 16:7b, NLT).

† **Materialism is not a condition of my _____ but is a condition of my _____.**

"The love of money causes all kinds of trouble. Some people want money so much that they have given up their faith and caused themselves a lot of pain" (1 Timothy 6:10, CEV).

† **The phrase "love of money" is one Greek word. It is [φιλαργυρία, philargyria] and this is the only place in the whole New Testament this word is used. This phrase was coined by Plato, some 400 years prior to Paul.**

A. THE LOVE OF MONEY ...

1. IS AN UNQUENCHABLE _____.

"Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life" (Proverbs 1:19, NLT).

2. IS AN _____.

"Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle" (Proverbs 23:4-5, NLT).

3. TENDS TO MAKE ONE MORE _____.

"Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give" (Proverbs 21:26, NLT).

4. CREATES MORE _____.

"But when the young man heard this, he went away very sad, for he had many possessions" (Matthew 19:22, NLT).

5. CREATES A THIRST TO ATTAIN AT _____.

"Tainted wealth has no lasting value, but right living can save your life" (Proverbs 10:2, NLT).

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money" (Matthew 6:24, NLT).

Jesus said, "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both" (Matt. 6:24, MSG).

Jesus said, "But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what He wants. Then the other things will be yours as well" (Matt. 6:33, CEV).

† **Whatever I _____, _____ over me.**

B. HERE'S WHAT NOT TO DO:

1. DON'T FEEL _____ FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS.

Jesus said, "So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him" (Matt. 7:11, NLT).

2. DON'T FILL UP WITH _____.

"Pride goes before . . . a fall" (Proverbs 16:18, NLT).

"Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich" (Pr. 10:4, NLT).

"The blessing of the LORD makes a person rich" (Pr. 10:22, NLT).

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed" (Pr. 11:25, NLT).

But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵"That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor."⁶Not that he cared for the poor – he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself" (John 12:5-6, NLT).

C. HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

1. LEARN TO BE _____ WITH WHATEVER YOU HAVE.

"I've learned to be content in whatever situation I'm in. ¹²I know how to live in poverty or prosperity. No matter what the situation, I've learned the secret of how to live when I'm full or when I'm hungry, when I have too much or when I have too little" (Phil. 4:11b-12, GWT).

"We're blasted by anger and swamped by rage, but who can survive jealousy?" (Proverbs 27:4, MSG).

"Rejoice with those who rejoice" (Romans 12:15a, NIV).

† Having an attitude of contentment means you do not _____ what another has nor will you _____ what another has.

"Every good present and every perfect gift comes from above, from the Father" (James 1:17a, GWT).

2. HAVE THE ATTITUDE OF _____.

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18, NLT).

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God with reverence and with awe" (Hebrews 12:28, NIV).

3. PRACTICE EXCELLING IN _____.

"Since you excel in so many ways – in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us – I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7, NLT).

Jesus said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." ¹⁶Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'" ²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' ²¹"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God" (Luke 12:15-21, NLT).

† _____ transforms my _____ into _____ of _____ to others.

Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8, NIV).