



“If you continue in My word,  
then are you My **Disciples InDeed...**”

### Beware of Covetousness!

**Matthew 6:21-23** “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!”

The word ‘heart’ refers to the thoughts and feelings at the center of our being; why is it that our heart will always be where our treasure is? \_\_\_\_\_

In verses 21 & 22 Jesus praises the man with a “single” eye and contrasts him with the man with an “evil” eye. What does Proverbs 28:22 reveal that the “evil” eye is? \_\_\_\_\_

In Colossians 3:1-6 we are told to set our affection on ‘things that are above’ rather than things on the earth. One of those earthly “members” we are told to put to death is *covetousness* which is declared to be idolatry. What is covetousness and why do you think God calls it idolatry? \_\_\_\_\_

What do the following verses teach us as to how we should view covetousness?

I Cor 6:9-10 \_\_\_\_\_

Eph 5:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_

I Tim 6:9-11a \_\_\_\_\_

The opposite of covetousness is contentment. What do I Timothy 6:8 and Hebrews 13:5 say that we should be content with? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Luke 12:13-21 and consider how it applies to your life. Why did Jesus say that the man was covetous? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the problem that the rich man faced when his crops produced so abundantly and what was his solution? What else could he have done with the extra? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the rich man presuming on in verse 19 that was a false assumption? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think it means to be “rich toward God”? \_\_\_\_\_

What happens to the Word of God that is sown in the heart of a covetous person (Matt 13:22)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Am I a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Is my heart more focused on the things that are above or the things that are below?
2. Am I content with what I have or am I struggling with covetousness?
3. Do I hate covetousness and avoid it like I avoid murder, stealing, and fornication or do I not see it as something that bad?
4. What choices am I making to resist and counteract the spirit of covetousness that permeates our society?

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#### Doers of the Word

What does God want me to do about my finances in light of this lesson from His Word?

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**Further Study:** Psa 49:10-12, Mark 10:24

“...And you shall know The Truth,  
and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

