

Proper Possession of Possessions

Introduction: "Yes, it's good to have the things that money can buy, provided you don't \_\_\_\_\_ the things that money can't buy" (Wiersbe).

- I. You are unable to find \_\_\_\_\_ in possessions (Eccl. 5:8-12).
  - A. No matter how powerful or advanced we may become, we will still always be dependent upon the old fashioned \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Covetousness is a never \_\_\_\_\_ road of wanting more (1 Tim. 6:9-10).
  - C. The ability to be \_\_\_\_\_ is from the Lord (Phil. 4:11-13; 1 Tim. 6:6-8).
  - D. "Choose rather to want \_\_\_\_\_ than to have more."
  - E. "Nature is content with little, grace with less, but \_\_\_\_\_ with nothing" (Henry).
  - F. There is only so much you can enjoy at one \_\_\_\_\_; the rest just sits on a shelf.
  - G. "True satisfaction comes when we do the will of God from the \_\_\_\_\_" (Wiersbe) (Ps. 16:11; 1 Jn. 2:17).
  - H. Having more means more to \_\_\_\_\_ about.
- II. You are unable to \_\_\_\_\_ possessions with you to heaven (Eccl. 5:13-16).
  - A. Putting trust in a large bank account is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. One \_\_\_\_\_ can wipe out a life's savings.
  - C. We are all going to leave this world in the same way we came \_\_\_\_\_ it (Job 1:21; Ps. 49:16-17).
  - D. This is a story of one going from "Riches to \_\_\_\_\_."
- III. You are unable to properly \_\_\_\_\_ possessions without God's blessing (Eccl. 5:17-6:12).
  - A. Having many possessions is no \_\_\_\_\_ if you cannot enjoy them.
  - B. No amount of money can purchase good \_\_\_\_\_ or ensure that problems do not come.
  - C. Enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ activities of life—enjoy the journey, not just the destination.
  - D. Money cannot buy \_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. "It is better to have \_\_\_\_\_ and really enjoy it than to dream about much and never attain it" (Wiersbe).
  - F. Be content with what you have realizing it is exactly what God \_\_\_\_\_ you to have—fighting God's will is always a \_\_\_\_\_ battle.
  - G. It is best that we live life for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - H. "\_\_\_\_\_ ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).

Conclusion: "If we focus more on the gifts that on the Giver, we are guilty of idolatry. If we accept His gifts, but complain about them, we are guilty of ingratitude. If we hoard His gifts and will not share them with others, we are guilty of indulgence. But if we yield to His will and use what He gives us for His glory, then we can enjoy life and be satisfied" (Wiersbe).