

This World's Goods

What the Culture Says

1. Material goods bring satisfaction to life – I want mine!

2. I've got mine – eat, drink, and be merry!

3. The wealthy grow rich on the backs of the poor – we demand social justice!

4. The great and mighty should be favored – it might pay off for me!

5. The world owes me!

What Scripture Says

1a. The things of this life will never satisfy our souls. (Eccl. 5:10; Luke 12:15)

1b. Money and possessions can be dangerous for our souls. (I Tim. 6:10; Mark 10:24)

2a. Yes - enjoy the blessings of God in your life ... (Deut 8:18; Eccl. 5:18-20)

2b. ...but remember – this “life is short and full of trouble..” (Eccl. 7:14; Col. 3:1-3)

2c. ...and remember God's calling if He does bless you.
(Ps. 41:1; I Tim. 6:17-19; Lev. 19:9-10)

3a. Justice is God's command – for both rich and poor... (Lev. 19:15)

3b. ...but the rich must remember their Maker. (Col. 4:1; Deut. 15:11)

4. God uses a different standard in measuring greatness. (Mark 10: 42-45; James 2:6)

5a. Poor – but not in God's sight.
(James 2:5; Mark 12: 43-44)

5b. The 10th Commandment applies to us all. (I Tim. 6:6-8)

*All things come of thee, Oh Lord, and of thine own have we given thee
(I Chron. 29:14)*