

## A Heart Check on God's Blessings (Stewardship)

### Week 3:

## The Danger of Possessions Owning Us

Luke 12:15 – “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

### 1. *The Illusion of Security in Wealth*

Proverbs 11:28 – “Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.”

- Wealth can give a false sense of \_\_\_\_\_, but it cannot replace God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Money cannot buy true \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.
- The world tells us to seek \_\_\_\_\_ first, but God calls us to seek His \_\_\_\_\_ first.  
(Matthew 6:33)

### 2. *The Burden of Too Much*

Ecclesiastes 5:10 – “Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.”

- The more we have, the more we tend to \_\_\_\_\_ it and the more it can \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- Instead of bringing freedom, too much can create \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- When we are not careful, possessions can begin to \_\_\_\_\_ us instead of us managing them.

### 3. *Freedom in Surrender*

Matthew 19:21-22 – “Jesus answered, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.”

- True freedom comes not from \_\_\_\_\_, but from \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
- Jesus did not tell the rich young ruler to give everything away because wealth was evil, but because his heart was \_\_\_\_\_ by his possessions.
- We must hold God's blessings with an \_\_\_\_\_ hand, ready to use them for His glory.

### **Challenge:**

1. Reflect – Is there something in my life that I value more than my relationship with God?
2. Act – This week, practice generosity by giving away something meaningful to someone in need.
3. Pray – Ask God to help you hold everything He gives you with an open hand, ready to use it for His glory.