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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



### **Is Money the Root of All Evil?**

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds (2 Corinthians 11:14-15, ESV).

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil (Ephesians 6:11, ESV).

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8, ESV).

Do you get the idea from these verses that Satan is a real adversary and is seeking to stop us from serving God? He will not stop at anything to get your attention and your soul. Don't you think that he would also try to distract and entice you even while you are trying to worship God? So, it would seem to reason that Satan would attend every service we have to pull someone away from serving the Lord. He is NOT here to worship God, but to gain his own worshippers. So, I ask, does Satan attend more than you?

Satan attends every service so he may distract you by turning your attention away from the sermon by having your mind drift off to other concerns of the day. He may help you develop a cavalier attitude about worship. He may use you as an instrument for his evil deeds by having you be unkind or arrogant towards others. He may even encourage you to be a hindrance to someone who is sincerely seeking to faithfully serve and worship God.

Together we can defeat the efforts of the evil one by being faithful in our attendance and being purposeful in our efforts to encourage one another as we worship God.

The command to edify one another and fulfill our responsibility to build up one another is clear. (Romans 14:19; 15:1-3; Hebrews 3:12-14). Simply our presence alone encourages others in attendance. Can we really say that we are edifying others when we are absent most of the time, or when we attend so infrequently, or when we hardly know the other members?

Jesus commands us to put the kingdom of God first (Matthew 6:33). We all have priorities; we must simply learn to put them in the right order. Many Christians avoid events and circumstances that would cause them to miss services. Many Christians will not play sports or engage in other activities that conflict with their service to God. Some stay home on Sunday because of aches and pains, but on Monday go to work, the grocery store, or the mall with the same aches and pains.

We should attend every service to help us grow and develop spiritually. The services are designed for spiritual growth. Hearing the sermons and attending the Bible classes helps us to grow and develop into mature Christians (cf. Hebrews 5:12-14). Even the songs are designed to teach as well as praise (Colossians 3:16).

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<b>Keep these Dates in Mind</b>	<b>Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>	
03/01 Monthly Potluck 03/10 Hand and Foot get together 03/14 Men's Business Meeting	Addison McCown 3/3 Shirley McLaughlin 3/4 Sammie Engelke 3/7 Doris Pennington 3/15 Raylee Woodward 3/21	
<b>Today's News</b>	<b>Bible Studies</b>	
	<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 1st Timothy Wed pm (7:00p) – Minor Prophets	<b>Ladies Class</b> Ladies class - Thursday 11:00 -12:30. Survey of the O.T.

**For us to remember:**

**As I didn't hear about any new people to add to our list. I thought I would list all those on our list in the space we have, so we can refresh our memories on all those who are dealing with health issues and those who are requesting prayers on their behalf.**

Jim Preston	Sandi Gray	Shannon Mendoza
Lyn Gigar	Queca Woods	Shauna (Ila Steven's granddaughter)
Jonni Marcotte	Joe Marcotte	Freddie Garza (Danny's cousin)
Terry Brown	Lupe Mendoza	Tamara Zog
Doreen Martinez	Carlos Soto	Chris Romero
Pat Lindsay	Karen McBurney	Tami Pennington
Nate Perkins	Granny Perkins	John Dawson
Judy Ward		

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Communion Thought</b>	<b>Lord's Supper</b>	<b>Closing Prayer</b>
This week	J. Mendoza	H. Jones	J. Wilson	L. Moore K. McCown	B. Lafferty
Next Week	H. Jones	J. Mendoza	D. Mendoza	L.. Moore G. Keever	D. McLaughlin

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In Paul's description of the fact that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, there is a truth that can so easily be overlooked. We read his words and compare ourselves to the wealth of those in Palm Beach and then conclude that what is said has little to do with us.

Look at the context of Paul's words in the sixth chapter of First Timothy. The chapter begins by describing those false teachers who were the source of envy and strife in the church. They were filled with pride, and it was manifested in the arguments they were using. Paul indicates that they were using religion as an avenue to get rich (v. 2-5).

Paul then sets the record straight with a simple statement, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain" (v. 6). The treasures that really matter are not those investments we make on this earth. Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-20). The world believes that gaining possessions on the earth is the purpose of life. Those who are godly believe that great gain that is found above us, not around us!

To see why this is obviously true read what Paul says in verse seven. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain, we can carry nothing out." This truth is reflected in Job, whose possessions are described as the greatest of all the people of the East (Job 1:3). He lost it all and reflected, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). His life so vividly describes the truth that true wealth is not found in the abundance of our possessions. It comes with godly contentment in our lives.

However, let us not overlook the fact that this truth is not just for those who are rich. Look carefully again at Paul's words to Timothy. His words are written to those "who desire to be rich," not just to those who are rich. Those who may have very little, compared to those who live in grandeur, can "...fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition" (v. 9). These words apply as much to those in West Palm Beach as to those in Palm Beach!

Money does not necessarily corrupt, but when one's life consists only of gain, it destroys godliness. The lack of money is not the source of all evil—it is the love of money that corrupts. Mediate on what Paul says about having godliness with contentment and the great gain that awaits us. Abraham, Joseph, David and many others were wealthy, but they were not any "richer" than the beggar, Lazarus. Think about this! ~Dan Jenkins

Wednesday Night Devotional					
Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
03/04	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza	04/01	J. Mendoza	H. Jones
03/11	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty	04/08	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
03/18	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	04/15	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza
03/25	L. Moore	J. Wilson	04/22	J. Mendoza	B. Lafferty

