

Prosperity isn't accumulating possessions.

Psalm 1:1–3

Joshua 1:7–8

As your soul prospers, your outward person can prosper too, according to your _____ or _____.

Deuteronomy 29:9–15

We get into God's Word so that God's desires get into us.

2 Peter 1:2–9

1. *"The Gospel is _____. Why do we need to give?"*

Romans 15:25–27; Galatians 6:6

1 Timothy 5:17–18

2. *"The love of money is the root of all evil."*

1 Timothy 6:8

2 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 13:5–6

1 Timothy 6:9

Luke 5:5–7

1 Timothy 6:10

A person can have the _____ and not have money!

1 Timothy 6:17; 1 Timothy 6:18–19

Matthew 6:25–34

1. Looking back at this weekend's teaching, was there a comment, or verse that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Each day we are confronted by ways to prosper that require us to choose between two different worlds: the Kingdom of God, and the world environment in which we live. Which world we choose always has to do with whom we have chosen to serve, and how we steward that which we have been given: our lives, resources, and giftings. There is a point of accountability before the Lord to which we are all called. This is not about our salvation but about our stewardship. What does Matthew 6:21 tell us about the soul or inward side of our accountability?

3. Read Luke 16:13. Mammon was the pagan god used to describe wealth and abundance from the world's spirit in all of its possessiveness, covetousness, and greed. While it relates to money, it's not just about money. It's about the oppression that comes from the fear over what I don't have, or the lust that I've got to get it: money, possessions, position; everything that we are seduced into thinking make life work. Do you find yourself influenced by the spirit of mammon? If so, how and when?

What Bible promises and practices do you find helpful in defeating mammon's influence in your life?

4. People say, "Life's not about money." True, but money is about life. Your paycheck reflects a dollar value in direct proportion to the investment of your skill, your gifts, or your time. It's no wonder people get offended whenever you talk about money in church because we often want to control it on our terms, not God's. And if we do that, there will be other things that we choose to control on our own terms instead of His. Personalize, in your own words, Jesus' words in Luke 16:10-11: