

1. Wealth as an indicator of God’s blessings

- a) God will bless you with personal wealth if you are faithful to Him. True or False? Malachi 3:10
- b) What was the attitude of Christians in Macedonia regarding personal wealth? 2 Corinthians 8:1–7
- c) Share examples of Bible characters who were faithful to God but not rich in worldly possessions.
- d) What important lesson can we learn both from the Scriptures and from our own experience about viewing wealth as an indicator of God’s blessing?

2. The deceitfulness of riches

- a) Matthew 13:3–7
 - i) What do you think the thorns represent?
 - ii) Matthew 13:22
- b) In what way is it possible for riches to deceive us?
- c) Name someone during the ministry of Jesus who was led astray by the deceitfulness of riches.

3. Covetousness

- a) Exodus 20:17, definition: strong desire to have that which belongs to another.
- b) Examples of covetousness in the Bible
 - i) 1 Kings 21:1–4, King Ahab with Naboth’s vineyard
 - ii) 2 Samuel 11:1–3, King David with Uriah’s wife
 - iii) Joshua 7:19–21, Achan
 - iv) Others?

- c) Covetousness is one of the characteristic sins of the last days. (2 Timothy 3:2) Why is it so easy to fall into the trap of covetousness?
- d) What teaching of Jesus would protect us from the sin of covetousness?
 - i) Matthew 7:12

4. Greed

- a) Definition: wanting more and more
- b) Examples of greed in the Bible
 - i) Isaiah 56:10–11, leaders in Israel
 - ii) Matthew 26:14–16, Judas
 - iii) Acts 24:24–26, Felix
- c) A problem in our day
 - i) “I have learned two important biblical truths from my child: First, we are born sinners. Second, we are born greedy!” How do you respond to that parent’s observation?
 - ii) Where do you see greed manifested today?
- d) What teaching of Jesus would protect us from greed?
 - i) Acts 20:35

5. Learning to be content

- a) 1 Timothy 6:6–10
- b) Who comes to your mind as an example of contentment?
- c) Share your own experience learning to be content.

