

# *Deceitfulness of Wealth and Desire for Other Things*

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## Mark 4:14-20

*"The farmer sows the word.<sup>15</sup> Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. <sup>16</sup> Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>18</sup> Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; <sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."*

### THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH

## 1 Timothy 6:10a

*"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."*

### It Deceives Us Into Believing That More Is Better

## Proverbs 15:16

*"Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil."*

## 1 Timothy 6:6-8

*"But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."*

### Wealth Deceives Us Into Believing That Wealth Provides Security

## Matthew 6:19-21

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

### THE DESIRE FOR OTHER THINGS

## Hebrews 12:1 NET

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, we must get rid of every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and run with endurance the race set out for us. "*

## 1 Corinthians 6:12 NET

*"All things are lawful for me" but not everything is beneficial. "All things are lawful for me"—but I will not be controlled by*

*anything."*

Simone Weil, "Imaginary evil is romantic and varied; real evil is gloomy, monotonous, barren, boring. Imaginary good is boring; real good is always new, marvelous, intoxicating."

John Piper "Christian Hedonism is the conviction that God's ultimate goal in the world (his glory) and our deepest desire (to be happy) are one and the same, because God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him.

## Psalms 37:4

*"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."*

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