

Matthew 19:16–30

Tests of Assurance: Materialism

Who or what do you love most?

1. Materialism is _____ (v.16-22)

Galatians 3:24 » Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

Proverbs 30:8-9 » Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion,⁹ That I not be full and deny *You* and say, “Who is the Lord?” Or that I not be in want and steal, And profane the name of my God.

Luke 19:5-9

2. Your prosperity is not the same as God’s _____ (v.23-26)

James 1:17 » Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

1 Corinthians 1:26–27 » For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

Matthew 6:24 » No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God & wealth.

Hebrews 13:5 » *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,”

1 Timothy 4:3-4 » God has created (everything) to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;

1 Timothy 6:17 » Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

2 Corinthians 9:8,11 » And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; ...
¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

3. Your reward will exceed your _____ (v.27-30)

Hebrews 11:24-26 » By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Mark 8:34-36 » If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

1 Timothy 5:8
Galatians 6:10
1 Corinthians 16:2
Luke 10:25-37

Philippians 3:7 » But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. — *Jim Elliot*