

Read Matthew 13:3-23. In verse 22 Jesus mentions “the deceitfulness of riches.” In what way are riches (or wealth) deceitful? Is Jesus relating that to “worries?”

Read Luke 18:18-30. What can we do to help us remember that wealth can interfere with our relationship to God? How can we overcome that tendency?



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Scripture References

John 16:33 • Romans 12:2 • Matthew 25:31-46
James 1:5-11 • Job 8:10 • Proverbs 3:5-6
Luke 18:20-25 • Matthew 6:33-34

Prayer Requests

- 1) _____ depends on things going our way, but true _____ comes when we know God will take care of us in any situation.
- 2) A Godly worldview can bring _____, even when we experience trials and sorrows.

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- 3) We grow in _____ through our own experiences and by watching and learning from the experiences of others.
- 4) God will give us wisdom when we ask, but there's a _____ - faith without doubt.
- 5) When _____ come along we have to seek and find the path of wisdom in each situation.
- 6) The Bible teaches that there is something about wealth that can _____ with our relationship with God.
- 7) It's hard for people to surrender to God if they find their _____ in their possessions.
- 8) The more we have, the more there is to worry about.
- 9) James tells us the secret of overcoming one of our greatest areas of stress: stop worrying about _____ and trust God to supply what we need.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



Describe someone you've known who consistently showed wisdom. Tell the group how that wisdom was displayed.

Read Matthew 25:31-46. How do you respond to the idea that serving others is closely tied to serving Christ? What might this challenge you to do differently in your daily life?

Read James 1:6-8. What does James mean by "double-minded?" How might that make someone "unstable in all his ways?"

Continued on reverse.