

8. Talk with others about it
  - a. Do an honest self-assessment in spending, saving, & giving.
  - b. Share your self-assessment with a Christian friend and allow them to ask you accountability questions on this topic, such as:
    - What purchase decisions do you most regret?
    - Where are your weaknesses in spending money?
    - How much debt do you have? What is your current plan to get rid of it?
    - How much do you have in savings? Investments? What is the purpose of that money?
    - How much do you give? How much could you give?
  - c. Invite their feedback on how you can be more faithful in honoring God.
  - d. Make a plan and act on it.

## Core Seminars – Christian Discipleship Stewardship Week 6



### Materialism

#### I. INTRODUCTION

*(Matthew 19:16-22; Romans 12:2)*

#### II. IDENTIFYING MATERIALISM

*(Luke 12:15)*

#### A. Rightly Enjoying Material Things

*(Proverbs 25:16; 1 Timothy 4:1-5, 6:17)*

*“For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.”*  
*- 1 Timothy 4:5*

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## **B. Idolizing Material Things**

### *Self-Assessment Questions:*

1. Does owning or desiring “X” distract you from doing what God has called you to do?  
*(Proverbs 28:6)*
  
2. What do you delight in? Are you more excited about things than you are about God?  
*(Psalm 73:25-26)*
  
3. How do you react when something is taken away?  
*(Matthew 19:16-22)*
  
4. How do you feel toward others who have more than you?  
*(Luke 12:14-15)*
  
5. How do you react when you feel insecure?  
*(Proverbs 11:4, 18:10-11)*

## **III. FIGHTING MATERIALISM**

### *Ways to Fight Materialism:*

1. Treasure the excellence and beauty of God  
*(Matthew 6:21)*

*How can you practically treasure God more in your life?*

2. Remind yourself of the danger of materialism  
*(Mark 4:19; 1 Timothy 6:9)*

3. Confess materialism as sin  
*(Lamentations 3:40; Habakkuk 1:16)*

4. Fight for faith to rest in God  
*(Hebrews 13:5-6)*

5. Think about heaven  
*(Hebrews 10:34; Revelation 22:12)*

6. Give generously  
*(1 Timothy 6:17-19; Hebrews 13:16)*

7. Create a budget  
*(Proverbs 27:23-24a)*