

**Bible Doctrines (The True-Good-Beautiful )**

**T/G/B**

- Eschatology
- Thanatology
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- Hamartiology
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- Angelology
- Pneumatology
- Christology
- Paterology
- Trinitarianism
- Cosmology
- Theology Proper
- Bibliology
- Natural Theology

**Psalm 73:24; Psalm 16:11.**

**3 Parts to Bible Class.**

Part I: Spiritual foundations: A look at “carnal (σαρκίνοις),” “walking κατὰ/according to ἄνθρωπον.

Part II: Philosophical foundations: From the *pragma* to the *pathema* (a word about doctrine & lobes)

Part III: Doctrinal development: Heaven, heavenly treasures, and the danger of materialism.

**Part I: Spiritual foundations: Understanding carnality, the “natural man.”**

1. Our love and commitment to the Word of God must go beyond simple devotion “BD” or WOG as a concept. It must extend to all its principles and values and truth as such. There is no excuse for mishandling and misinterpreting God’s Word even for practical purposes. In sum, the authority of the Word of God must be the defining issue of our lives—reality is the issue on both levels.
2. The Corinthians of 1 Cor. 2:6 gained maturity in about 5 years. This virtue is primarily in the will.
3. The Corinthians of 3:1ff are still babies in character. It is not a matter of amount of doctrine.
4. The nature of carnality—what does the context teach?
  - a. The nature of carnality is one of immaturity, not one of being out of a fellowship “zone.”
  - b. Carnality is contrasted with mature spiritual *character*. Character is about attitude: attitude is a complex mental state of beliefs and feelings—it should never be reduced to RMA..
  - c. Carnal refers to someone who is living on a human level, a fallen level, according to man.
  - d. Flesh does not refer to a piece of flesh with sin cooties in it. We like and dislike sin because of our intellectual and sense appetites—this is the struggle.
  - e. Overview of the nature of fallenness from Adam and the loss of elevating grace.
  - f. The solution to jealousy and factions of Corinthians is walking in the light of the following verses—not confessing sins to return to a zone. Jealousy is a neurosis, not a cootie.
  - g. The solution to being able to take in wisdom (1 Cor 2:6) comes down to fear of the Lord.
  - h. Two most fundamental sins of fallen man: refuse to honor God and refusal to be thankful.
  - i. Learning and growing has far more to do with walking in the light rather than moving into a conduit zone. Carnality is a reflection of a prideful philosophy of life, not some entity in the body. The issue is the spiritual virtue in will—not neutralization of a body with sin memes.

**Prayer & the SL: The need to walk in the light of 1 Jn 1:7 to break the curse of spiritual immaturity.**

5: Hermeneutics

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# Philosophy of Language (55): ARISTOTLE'S REALISM

## Outline

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ What is philosophy of language?
- ✓ Theories of meaning
- ✓ Plato (428-348 BC)
  - Cratylus
- ✓ Aristotle (384-322 BC)

## Modern theories of meaning

Ferdinand de Saussure (1857-1913)

Gottlob Frege (1848-1925)

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951).

Martin Heidegger (1889-1976).

W. V. O. Quine (1908-2000).

Noam Chomsky (1928-)

Realist view of meaning.

Foundation of meaning.

Communication of meaning.

Elements of language.

Function of language

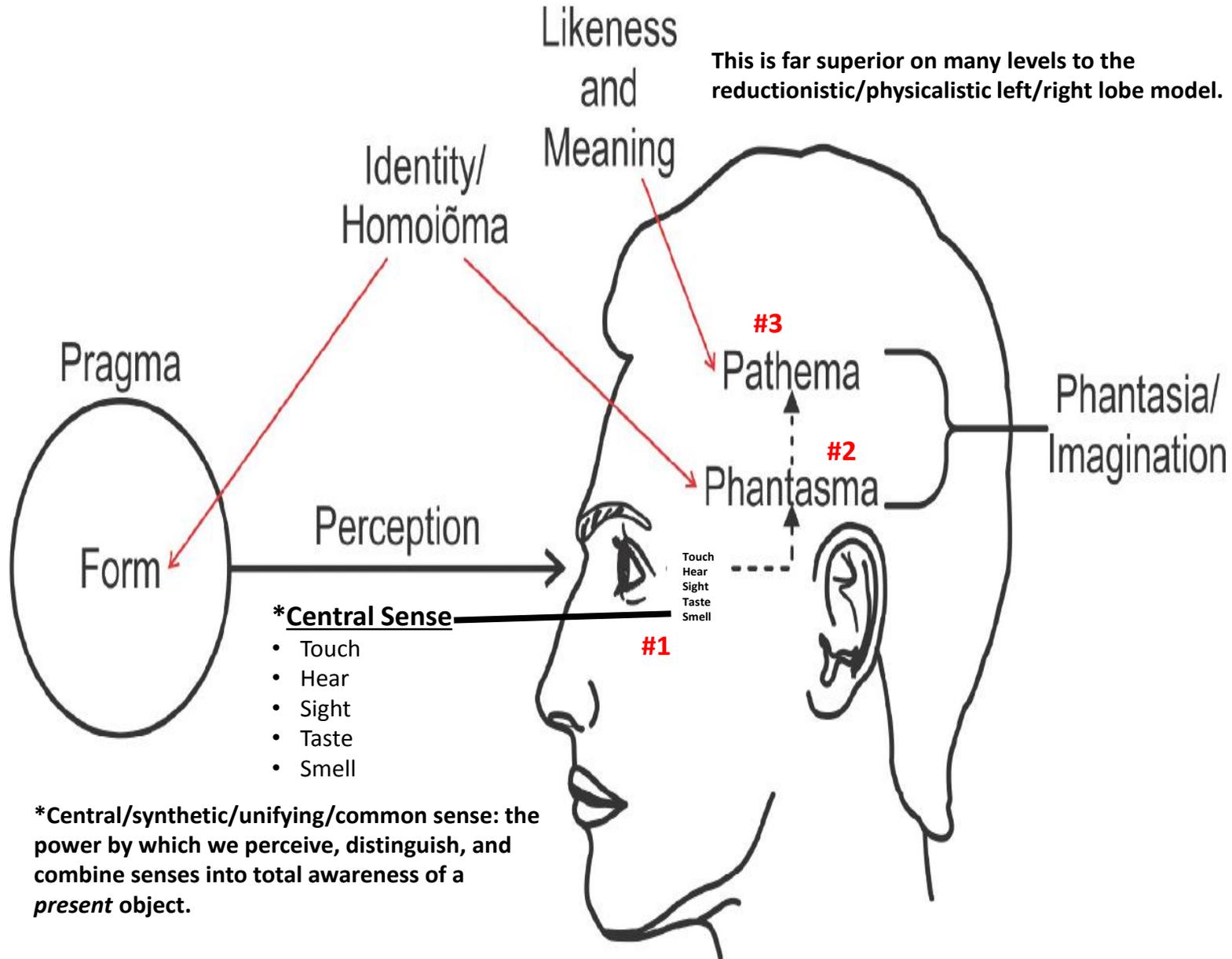
Meaningful God-talk.

Analytic Philosophy

Conclusion.

Analogy.

Metaphysical analogy.



1. From pragma to the central sense to the *phantasma* to the *pathema*: The form in the pragma is in the *phantasma*, from which the *pathema* abstracts. The *pathema* is the vehicle of meaning.
2. The *phantasma* is a physical brain state and the *pathema* is the metaphysical mental state. Meaning is in the mind (not the dictionaries, which are always in flux, and there is hardly a word that does not have more than one stated definition).
3. Meaning is in the mind because the form is in the mind via the *pathema*, abstracted from the *phantasma*.
4. As we will see, the *pathema* will serve as a *logos* as well as likeness to the extra-linguistic object.

5. The logos, the sentence/thought, is located in the *pathema*. The *pathema* yields the logos, linguistic expression.
6. The *pathema* does a great deal of work. It refers to the cognitive and affective states of ensouled individuals. Thinking, perceiving, loving, hating, and remembering are all included in the *pathema*.
7. The *pathema* is like its object, this is why the thing in the world actually becomes part of you.
8. The *phantasma* is perceptual and the *pathema* is conceptual.
9. The *pathema* is the noetic faculty. There is no corporeal organ for real language or meaning. Language and meaning are in the mind, not brain—much to the chagrin of chimp studies and Clever Hans observers.

## Salvation and Security by Grace

John 6:47, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

John 10:28-30: "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. 30 "I and My Father are one."

1 John 2:25, And this is the promise that He has promised us-- eternal life.



**Temporary Heaven**

John 17:24; Philip 1:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:8; Rev. 1-19



**Eternal Heaven/Earth**

Rev. 21-22



**Temporary Hell**

Luke 16:19-31



**Eternal Damnation for those who think they are saved—but are not.**

**Matthew 7:21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

**Eternal Hell**

Rev. 20:11-15; Matt 10:28-30



1. A startling thing has happened to modern Christians: many think, act, and live as if no eternity awaits them. Consider the fact that Heaven as a separate course is not taught in seminaries, that Bible churches do not focus on biblical teachings on Heaven—outside of being face-to-face with the Lord, and Christian books, even gospel tracts, rarely mention Heaven or Hell—certainly not in any rich manner: all they talk about is how to solve problems and how God is going to get them through, yet another, crisis—*yet all without an eternal perspective*. Consider these aberrations in light of

**Colossians 3:1-4**, If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind (φρονεῖτε) on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**Matthew 6:19** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> "But lay up for yourselves treasures (θησαυρίζετε) in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

2. Moreover, many, if not most, of God's people have unbiblical attitudes about rewards. Many see God's extra incentives as somehow God eliciting selfish, sinful—even ridiculous behavior. And we are better off by saying "no thank you" to God. However, was this the attitude of Jesus or Paul?

**John 17:1** These things Jesus spoke; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee, <sup>4</sup> "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> "And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

**Hebrews 12:2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Philippians 2:8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

**1 Corinthians 9:24** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; <sup>27</sup> but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

**2 Timothy 4:7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

3. It is misconceptions of Heaven and rewards that feed our short-sightedness. A short-sightedness that is characterized by focusing on solving problems here, forgetting how short this life is, and that the central business of this life is to prepare us for the next life.

**James 4:14** Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

**Hebrews 11:16** But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

**2 Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. <sup>11</sup>  
Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

4. Only a proper view of Heaven and rewards can free the believer from materialism and enable him to really live in light of God's eternal kingdom—the eternal perspective—and enjoy an abundant, free *Christian* life.
5. It is materialism, not money nor possessions that the Bible so utterly condemns. So, what is materialism?

Materialism is an outlook on life which treats material possessions as being of supreme importance, more important than God, the Word of God, and the spiritual life. Its value-outlook is what makes it idolatrous and an egregious evil: possessions are put above God. Such an evil takes the heart away from God and Jesus Christ and changes the priority and focus of the life. The lure of materialism is powerful and very addictive.

6. Warnings against materialism:

**Luke 12:15** And He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

**Colossians 3:5** Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

**Luke 12:18** "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'<sup>19</sup> 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.'"<sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?'<sup>21</sup> "So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

7. Two treasures, two perspectives, and two masters—the right treasure, the right perspective, and the right master, Matt. 6:19-24.
  - a. Two treasures: present earth and future heaven. What is Christ's primary argument against focusing on earthly wealth? Long-term or short-term. Consider your life 30 million years from now.
  - b. Two perspectives: good eye and bad eye. It is the bad eye that covets and focuses on here. The good eye sees wealth in eternal perspective in light of being good stewards.
  - c. Two masters: God and money. While we might have God and money, we cannot serve both. The throne in our lives is only big enough for one. God may be on the throne or money may be on the throne, but both cannot occupy the throne of our lives. God says we are to invest in God, not stuff.

- d. We store up treasures on earth by gripping them and holding on to them tightly; we store up treasures in Heaven by investing in Heaven by sharing and being good stewards.
- e. Christ's exhortation is made on logical ground—because it is smart to invest in lasting values. He is appealing to believers to be smart investors. While we cannot take it with us, we can send it ahead.
- f. Christ appeals to an enlightened self-interest. Yes, He wants us to live for God's glory, but God's glory is tied to rewards.

- g. It is not selfish to seek rewards. Selfishness is when we pursue gain at the expense of others. Our gaining more rewards does not reduce other's assets. Moreover, it is out of serving and giving to others that we store up treasures. So, everyone gains and no one losses. So, it is not selfish, when understood in the right manner.
- h. Rewards are God's ideas, not ours. There is no honor in rejecting them. Moreover, God is not promoting sin or evil in offering them as incentives.
- i. Christ is the primary treasure, but not the only treasure. The passage does not say store up treasures for Christ. It does not say to store up more of Christ. It says to store up treasures "for yourselves ." Christ is the focus of life, but we are to want what He wants. He is the Treasure behind and beyond all treasures. As lovers of Christ we are to obey His commands.

- j. Other examples of heavenly incentives for giving.

**Philippians 4:15** And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; <sup>16</sup> for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

**1 Timothy 6:18** *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

Luke 12:33-34 "Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Mark 10:21, Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

8. Overview of the problems and curses associated with materialism.

**Revelation 3:15** 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, <sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. <sup>19</sup> 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent. <sup>20</sup> 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me. <sup>21</sup> 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

**Jeremiah 2:11** "Has a nation changed gods, When they were not gods? But My people have changed their glory For that which does not profit. <sup>12</sup> "Be appalled, O heavens, at this, And shudder, be very desolate," declares the LORD. <sup>13</sup> "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns, That can hold no water.

**Ezekiel 28:4** "By your wisdom and understanding You have acquired riches for yourself, And have acquired gold and silver for your treasuries. <sup>5</sup> "By your great wisdom, by your trade You have increased your riches, And your heart is lifted up because of your riches--

**Ecclesiastes 2:1** I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself." And behold, it too was futility.

**Ecclesiastes 2:8-11** Also, I collected for myself silver and gold, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers and the pleasures of men-- many concubines. <sup>9</sup> Then I became great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me. <sup>10</sup> And all that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor. Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun.

**Ecclesiastes 5:10** He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance *with its* income. This too is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to look on? <sup>12</sup> The sleep of the working man is pleasant, whether he eats little or much. But the full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep.

**Deuteronomy 31:20** "For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and become prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.

**Hosea 8:14** For Israel has forgotten his Maker and built palaces; And Judah has multiplied fortified cities, But I will send a fire on its cities that it may consume its palatial dwellings.

**Hosea 13:4** Yet I *have been* the LORD your God Since the land of Egypt; And you were not to know any god except Me, For there is no savior besides Me. <sup>5</sup> I cared for you in the wilderness, In the land of drought. <sup>6</sup> As *they had* their pasture, they became satisfied, And being satisfied, their heart became proud; Therefore, they forgot Me.

**Psalms 52:7** "Here is the man *who* did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, *And* strengthened himself in his wickedness."

**Amos 5:11** Therefore, because you impose heavy rent on the poor And exact a tribute of grain from them, *Though* you have built houses of well-hewn stone, Yet you will not live in them; You have planted pleasant vineyards, yet you will not drink their wine.

**Micah 6:12** For her rich men are full of violence, Her inhabitants have spoken lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

**Hebrews 13:5** Let your character be 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 6:7** For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. <sup>8</sup> And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

9. Overview of the heretical prosperity gospel, which is but a Christianized form of materialism/mammonism.

**Acts 14:22** strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

**2 Timothy 3:12** And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Deut. 8:7-18

**Job 21:7** "Why do the wicked *still* live, Continue on, also become very powerful? <sup>8</sup> "Their descendants are established with them in their sight, And their offspring before their eyes, <sup>9</sup> Their houses are safe from fear, Neither is the rod of God on them. ... 13 They spend their days in prosperity, And suddenly they go down to Sheol.

**Psalms 94:3** How long shall the wicked, O LORD, How long shall the wicked exult?

**Jeremiah 12:1** Righteous art Thou, O LORD, that I would plead *my* case with Thee; Indeed I would discuss matters of justice with Thee: Why has the way of the wicked prospered? *Why* are all those who deal in treachery at ease?

**Matthew 5:45** in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

**Luke 15:1** Now all the tax-gatherers and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. <sup>2</sup> And both the Pharisees and the scribes *began* to grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

**John 9:1** And as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "*It was* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* in order that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Luke 16:19-15—the rich man and Lazarus.

**Luke 6:20-26** And turning His gaze on His disciples, He *began* to say, "Blessed *are* you *who are* poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> "Blessed *are* you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed *are* you who weep now, for you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> "Be glad in that day, and leap *for joy*, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets. <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full. <sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe *to you* who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> "Woe *to you* when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to treat the false prophets.

**2 Timothy 3:12** And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

**Philippians 1:29** For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

**John 15:18** "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. <sup>19</sup> "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

**Acts 9:15** But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; <sup>16</sup> for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

**Philippians 3:7** But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ,

**2 Corinthians 6:4** but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, <sup>5</sup> in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, <sup>6</sup> in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, <sup>7</sup> in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, <sup>8</sup> by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers and yet true; <sup>9</sup> as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things.

**2 Corinthians 12:7** And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me-- to keep me from exalting myself! <sup>8</sup> Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Luke 12:18** "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?' <sup>21</sup> "So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

**Matthew 16:26** "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

10. The principle of divine stewardship, Matt. 25:14-29.
11. The importance of faithfulness.

**Matthew 24:44** "For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.<sup>45</sup> "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?<sup>46</sup> "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.<sup>47</sup> "Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.<sup>48</sup> "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'

**Luke 16:10** "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

**1 Corinthians 4:2** In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

**1 John 2:28** And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

12. Why is it so hard for rich people to be saved? Why is it so easy to worship money rather than God? Why is it impossible to live for money and love the Lord Jesus Christ simultaneously?

**Matthew 19:24** "Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

**Revelation 3:14** "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: <sup>15</sup> 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, <sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.

**Luke 3:7-14** He therefore *began* saying to the multitudes who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" <sup>8</sup> "Therefore bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham." <sup>9</sup> "And also the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup> And the multitudes were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?" <sup>11</sup> And he would answer and say to them, "Let the man who has two tunics share with him who has none; and let him who has food do likewise." <sup>12</sup> And *some* tax-gatherers also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to." <sup>14</sup> And *some* soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And *what about* us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse *anyone* falsely, and be content with your wages."

13. Let us never forget that our greatest resource is the spiritual, not physical. Contentment does not come from materialism.

**Philippians 4:10** But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. <sup>12</sup> I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, you have done well to share *with me* in my affliction. <sup>15</sup> And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; <sup>16</sup> for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

14. While the spiritual is the most important, we should not move as far as Platonic dualism or asceticism. The same God made both the physical and spiritual worlds to enjoy and thank God for.
  
15. Generating income is a necessary part of this life and therefore not unspiritual. We should neither disdain from making money or withdraw from the system as if economics was sinful—otherwise we will contribute to poverty, rather than alleviating it. We must all battle materialism not by withdrawing from society, but by serving God within it.

**Matthew 13:22** "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

**1 Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

16. More passages on stewardship and money.

**Acts 20:35** "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**Acts 20:33** "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes. <sup>34</sup> "You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my *own* needs and to the men who were with me.

**James 1:26** If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Matthew 10:42** "And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

**Hebrews 6:10** For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

**James 5:1** Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure! <sup>4</sup> Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, *and* which has been withheld by you, cries out *against you*; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. <sup>5</sup> You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

**Mark 12:41** And He sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* observing how the multitude were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. <sup>42</sup> And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. <sup>43</sup> And calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.

**1 Timothy 6:18** *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

**Philippians 4:17** Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.

**Luke 12:33** "Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys.

Proverbs 19:17 He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.

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Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

**Matthew 25:21** "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'

**2 Peter 1:10** Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

**1 Corinthians 3:15** If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

**James 1:12** Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

**1 Corinthians 9:24** Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

**2 Timothy 4:6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**1 Peter 5:1** Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; <sup>3</sup> nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

**Revelation 3:11** 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown.

**2 John 1:8** Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.