

The Pitfalls of Prosperity Deuteronomy 8

Review:

1. Sometimes, God uses hard times to humble us and discipline us (v. 3, 6)
2. When good times come, we need to remember that God is the source of all blessings – He is the One Who gives us the power to make wealth (v. 18)
3. We should seek to serve and obey God, because the Word of God is much more important than physical bread (v. 3)

Go further: Read Matthew 6:19-34

1. What does Jesus say will happen to all our earthly treasures?
2. What does Jesus say is the connection between our treasures and our heart?
3. In verse 22, Jesus says that the eye is the lamp of the body. How do the things we look at and pay attention to affect our body, mind, and feelings?
4. What happens to us if we choose to look at dark things?
5. Why does Jesus say we can't serve two masters in verse 24?
6. What conclusion does Jesus draw about our material possessions in verse 25?
7. What lesson does Jesus teach us by looking at the birds of the air?
8. What lesson does Jesus teach us by looking at the lilies of the field?
9. In conclusion, why does Jesus tell us we should not be anxious in verses 31-32?
10. In verse 33, what does Jesus say is the best way to make sure we have what we need?
11. What lesson does Jesus teach about anxiety in verse 34?

Apply:

1. What areas of your life are you putting ahead of God where it comes to your time and attention? How can you put those things in the proper perspective?
2. What kinds of things do you worry about? How can Jesus' teaching reduce those worries?