Each One! **Bless** One! eBlessings' International Daily Devotional You Make a Difference!

The antichrist and those who work for the antichrist have sold the Church on partaking of "Solomon's Curse." That curse being a divided heart from accumulating material gain and possessions.

"¹But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, ²And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ⁴Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. ⁵And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things."

ACTS 5:1-5

Lust of the Flesh Series, (continued) Part 7, Lust of Material Gain. Please read Part One, 24 January 2012. Thanks! Father God bestow grace, mercy, understanding and desire to be more like Jesus Christ of Nazareth. In the name of Christ Jesus, King Emmanuel, I am asking and thanking You Father Eloah for blessing your children. Amen. The above Scripture gives us the result of our being selfish with what Father God has given us.

This devotional will focus on:

- 1) Lust of the Flesh Lust of sexual desires.
- Lust of the Eyes—Lust for what a person sees. The main instrument for covetousness is television.
- 3) Lust of the Skin—lust of things that touch the skin.
- 4) Lust of Material Gain—lust for cars, houses, boats, airplanes...

Think of lust of the flesh as any and all of the lust addressed in this devotional series. These lusts involve one or more components of the flesh—those parts of you which makes you human. The point in these lessons is that <u>human desire for basic needs has gone awry</u> into a depth which is past the normal or average part of the human existence or experience. It is a desire for more which cannot and will not be satiated by more. In some people this desire is marked by a presence which drives them to get more and to have more, even

when what they have isn't old, expired, in disrepair, nor marked by some demise in functionality. This inane desire may be <u>driven by selfishness</u>, <u>opulence</u>, <u>and</u> <u>having to have the newest of the new and best of the best</u>. This is called covetousness. <u>Webster</u> names it this way. Covetous: 1: marked by inordinate desire for wealth or possessions or for another's possessions; 2: having a craving for possession.

This <u>covetous nature and behavior is not at all in the character of</u> <u>Emmanuel</u>, King Jesus. And if you have not learned this from your church superintendent: you and I are to strive to be like Jesus Christ. So what did Jesus say to the young man who asked how to obtain eternal life? (Matthew 19) Did Jesus say, "Tell you what young man. Raise as much money as possible and sock it away. Own as many things as possible like in a Monopoly game and then come see me and let's talk about it." Yes, I am being facetious. Of course Jesus did not tell him that. "²¹ Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. ²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. ²³ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say unto you, <u>It is easier</u> for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter <u>into the kingdom of God</u>." Matthew 19:21-24

And don't I know you don't want to hear this. Why? Because everyone and their mama is telling you that if you don't have success you are a sinner and not receiving the promises of Abraham. Everyone and their baby's mama is telling you that **Deuteronomy 28** promises you money, material gain, and wealth. Every preacher who is worth their salt (you know how well plants grow in salt) will tell you that you must seek to be like Solomon and have wealth, and possessions, and stuff, stuff, stuff. Hey, let's go shopping!!! Boy, oh, boy is there more... Your Saviour Jesus Christ of Nazareth did not live like this, nor did the early Christians. (TO BE CONTINUED)

MATERIAL GAIN WAS NOT SOLOMON'S BLESSING BUT HIS CURSE



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