

## The Power of Stuff

Lot, Job, Ahab & Naboth 1 Kings 21, Judas, Ananias and Sapphira

Introduction: A desire for possessions causes one to do and allow things to happen that are unconscious-able.

### **S** Success *Dies with most toys wins*

Proverbs 13:7 There is one who makes himself rich, yet *has* nothing; *And* one who makes himself poor, yet *has* great riches.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work

### **T** Temporary *Can't take it with you*

Psalms 49:16-20 Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, When the glory of his house is increased; For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him. Though while he lives he blesses himself (For *men* will praise you when you do well for yourself), He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They shall never see light. A man *who is* in honor, yet does not understand, Is like the beasts *that* perish

Rich Fool, Luke 12

### **U** Understanding *TEST of your spirit*

Proverbs 16:2 All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the spirits

1 Corinthians 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing

### **F** Future *A real investment*

Matthew 6:19-20 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 25:31-40

### **F** Freedom *What would life be like?*

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows

Matthew 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.