

A photograph of a desert landscape featuring large sand dunes. The foreground is covered in sand with distinct, wavy ripples. A series of footprints leads from the bottom left towards the center of the image, winding up a dune. The sky is filled with clouds, illuminated by the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise. The overall color palette is dominated by warm oranges, yellows, and blues.

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 - The reason there can never be pure socialism.

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- Neither the rich nor poor are immune from its danger.

Matthew 6:19-34

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

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²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

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²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

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²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

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²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

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²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

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²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

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²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

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²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

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³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

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³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

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³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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- Tendency to treat money as an end and not a mean to an end.

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- Attachment Disorder

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- Leads to the problem of being possessed

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 - For the ways you have not been trusting God
 - For God to break or help you break the hold that you have allowed material things to have over your life.
 - To trust him more

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 - Determine that I have enough
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 - Be grateful

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- Remember to use MSG

John Wesley's Principle

- Make all that you can, so that you can
- Save all that you can, so that you can
- Give all that you can.

Greed: Rx and Tx

- Pray and Repent
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- Develop contentment
- Remember to use MSG
- Be liberal

Greed: Rx and Tx

- Virtue of liberality
 - From the Latin *Liber* meaning free
 - Readiness and willingness to part with things (to free them from our control) which leads to our being freed from their control.

“God is getting us ready for eternity by
weaning us from our love
for our life here.”

Jim Poole Sr.

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- Develop contentment
- Remember to use MSG
- Be liberal
- Be merciful

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