CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, November 9, 2014



gods of money

An idol is whatever you look at and say in your heart of hearts, “If I have that then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know my life has value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.”

- Timothy Keller

Luke 18:18-30 (p. 968)

When he heard this, he became very sad,

because he was very wealthy.

Luke 18:23

. . . greed, which is idolatry.

Colossians 3:5 (p. 1090)

. . . or greedy person—such a person is an idolater

Ephesians 5:5 (p. 1082)

Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

Luke 12:15 (p. 960)

When we worship money it controls us through anxiety and greed. It will push itself ahead of the good things in our lives. In fact, it will get us to sacrifice some of those good things in worship of it.

DIFFERENT REASONS FOR WORSHIPING MONEY:

(We look to the money god to do what only God can ultimately do.)

Power

Power over others and/or circumstances.

(God’s power is not seen as enough.)

Approval

Purchase stuff so as to be accepted by or to impress others.

(God’s love for me is not enough.)

Comfort

Trusting in money to provide and care for me.

(God is not taking care of me enough.)

Security

Believing money is what I need to be safe.

(God is not controlling things enough.)

HOW TO AVOID WORSHIPING THE MONEY GOD:

1. GIVE YOUR MONEY AWAY FREELY, SACRIFICIALLY, CHEERFULLY & GENEROUSLY.

The money gods are betrayed when you give your money away.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (p. 1070)

2. MODEL JESUS

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (p. 1069)

3. EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF HELPING OTHERS BECOME RICH

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Don’t just remove the money god.

Replace the money god with the true God.

Worship Him, Trust Him, Obey Him, Love Him