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The Chronic Noise of Worldliness

Luke 8:14

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Luke 8:14 *And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. (ESV)*

1. Learn _____ (v.14a)

2. Work _____ (v.14b)

3. Pursue _____ (v.14c)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 33:16-22**. What are some of the things modern Christians are tempted to trust in for help, support, and protection?
2. Read **Proverbs 3:5-10** and **6:6-11**. How does one balance prudence and responsibility with confidence in God and trust in his provision?
3. Read **1 Timothy 6:6-10**. What hold has the pursuit of wealth had on you and how does this passage help you to adjust your motives?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 10:6-13**. What are some of the modern temptations that come to mind when you read vv.6-10? How do the warnings and promises of vv.11-13 help you get your temptations in perspective?
5. Read **1 John 2:15-17**. What steps can you take to keep the lure of this world's values and priorities in biblical perspective from day to day?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

June 29th

Job 16-18 & Ac.9:1-22

June 30th

Job 19-20 & Ac.9:23-43

July 1st

Job 21-22 & Ac.10:1-23

July 2nd

Job 23-25 & Ac.10:24-48

July 3rd

Job 26-28 & Ac.11

July 4th

Job 29-30 & Ac.12

July 5th

Job 31-32 & Ac.13:1-23

July 6th

Job 33-34 & Ac.13:24-52

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 13-36 – **When You're Not Satisfied**

Msg. 13-12 – **Curbing Your Appetites**

Msg. 12-39 – **The Wealth of Those Who Don't Seem to Have Much**

Msg. 09-24 – **Faith, Stress & Money: Rethinking Biblical Faith in a Down Economy**

Msg. 08-05 – **Money Madness: Finding Peace in the Storm of Materialism**

Msg. 10-33 – **Strategic Rest & A Godly Work Ethic**

Msg. 07-24 – **Looking Past the Pain to the Prize**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Christians in the Wake of the Sexual Revolution: Recovering Our Sanity**. Multnomah Press, 1985.

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Hillerstrom P. Roger. **Intimate Deception: Escaping the Trap of Sexual Impurity**. Multnomah Press, 1989.

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MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.

Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Reed, Gerard. **C. S. Lewis Explores Vice and Virtue**. Beacon Hill Press, 2001.