

FREEDOM FROM DEBT
#SermonDebt
The Power of Freedom Part 3
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Proverbs 21:20b ...stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it. (TEV)

Proverbs 27:20 Human desires are like the world of the dead -- there is always room for more. (TEV)

WHY DO I ALWAYS WANT MORE?

1. I THINK IT WILL MAKE ME MORE HAPPY

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 He who loves money shall never have enough. The foolishness of thinking that wealth brings happiness! ¹¹ The more you have, the more you spend, right up to the limits of your income... (LB)

Ecclesiastes 6:9 It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else. (TEV)

2. I THINK IT WILL MAKE ME MORE SECURE

Proverbs 19:11 The rich man thinks of his wealth as an impregnable defense, a high wall of safety. What a dreamer! (LB)

1 Timothy 6:9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and are caught in the trap of many foolish and harmful desires, which pull them down to ruin and destruction. (TEV)

3. I THINK IT WILL MAKE ME MORE IMPORTANT

Luke 12:15 Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own. (NLT)

HOW TO ENJOY LIFE MORE WITH LESS

1. FIND MY HAPPINESS IN SERVING GOD

Acts 20:35b ...the Lord Jesus himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." (TEV)

Matthew 5:6 Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God

will satisfy them fully. (TEV)

Galatians 5:13 You have been called to live in freedom... But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. (NLT)

Deuteronomy 28:47 You didn't serve the LORD your God with a joyful and happy heart when you had so much. (GW)

2. FIND MY SECURITY IN TRUSTING GOD

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." (TEV)

Matthew 6:19-20 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (NIV)

Philippians 4:19 My God will richly fill your every need in a glorious way through Christ Jesus. (GW)

3. FIND MY SELF-WORTH IN KNOWING GOD

Isaiah 43:4a You are precious to me. I give you honor, and I love you. (ICB)

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds! They don't worry about what to eat—they don't need to sow or reap or store up food—for your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are. (LB)

Romans 5:8 The proof of God's amazing love is this; while we were sinners Christ died for us. (PH)

Hosea 6:6 I don't want your sacrifices—I want your love; I don't want your offerings—I want you to know me. (LB)