

## These Things

**Matthew 6:21-34** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. **22** The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. **23** But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness! **24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. **25** Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? **26** Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? **27** Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? **28** And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: **29** And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30** Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith? **31** Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? **32** (For after all **these things** do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. **33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all **these things** shall be added unto you. **34** Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

**Colossians 1:16-19** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,

whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. **19** For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

### THESE THINGS ARE:

#### 1. Tempting

**Matthew 4:8-10** Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; **9** And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. **10** Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

**Proverbs 23:4** Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

People will even go to church for THESE THINGS:

**John 6:24-27** When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. **25** And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? **26** Jesus answered them and said, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.** **27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Who doesn't want the blessings of God upon them? BUT We don't serve God for His blessings!

You get your priorities right and God will add the THESE THINGS into your life!

## THESE THINGS ARE: Tempting...

### 2. Temporal

**Matthew 24:1-2** And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple. **2** And Jesus said unto them, **See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

EVEN THIS OLD CHURCH BUILDING IS TEMPORAL!

**As we seek to update and expand our building let us not lose sight of God and His work... GOD ADDS THE THESE THINGS**

**2 Corinthians 4:18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: **for the things which are seen are temporal**; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

**Hebrews 11:25** **Choosing rather to suffer** affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

**2 Peter 3:9-14** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, **12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. **14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

## THESE THINGS ARE: Tempting, Temporal...

### 3. Thwarting

Thwart – “to prevent from accomplishing a purpose”

**1 Timothy 6:10-19** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **11** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **12** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. **13** I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; **14** That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable,

until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: **15** Which in his times he shall shew, *who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **16** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom *be* honour and power everlasting. Amen. **17** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; **18** That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; **19** Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

THESE THINGS are not sinful in and of itself, yet they can distract you from the Main Thing

**TEXT: Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

**James 4:14-15** Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. **15** For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

## Conclusion:

**Philippians 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on **these things**.