

POSSESSIONS

SCRIPTURAL TEACHINGS

Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? Isaiah 66:1
We must not forget, it is all His!

Are you aware of the three dangerous “D”s of material possessions? Read Mark 4:19

Do you think you have too much or too little? Read Luke 6:38

They began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all... Acts 2:44-45

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All we are and all we possess does not belong to us, it belongs to the Lord.

Some of us lack the gift of generosity, but all of us possess the nature of generosity.

World: Gain many expensive possessions, they are evidence you are successful.
God: Excessive possessions distract you from fulfilling My purposes.

Anchoring our hope in GOD leads to HUMILITY. Anchoring our hope in our POSSESSIONS leads to PRIDE.
Be careful where you drop your anchor!

Do you own your possessions or do your possessions own you? Are you the slave or the master?

It seems the more we possess the less we tend to trust God.
Are your possessions a bridge or a barrier to trusting Him.

Name five possessions that God owns that are not material in nature.
God's ownership encompasses far more than just our physical stuff.

Let me ask you a question? Do you own your possessions or do your possessions own you?



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Do you realize that we cannot really give anything away that we possess?

When you finally and fully embrace the reality that God owns everything,
it immediately begins to loosen your grip on your possessions.

How can you know the difference between what you OWN and what you POSSESS?
You will take everything you own with you when you die!

The same possessions that can produce destructive/temporal and eternal outcomes
can also produce abundant blessings in both this life and the next.

Are you putting your trust in the size of your POSSESSIONS or in the size of your GOD?

It is much easier to give what doesn't belong to us. That is why the first step to generosity
is accepting God's ownership of all we possess.

Of all that God has entrusted to us to manage, our time is one of our most precious possessions.

So often we hold on to possessions like a toddler who has just learned the word MINE.

Have you found this to be true in your walk with the Lord?
The more you POSSESS the more you find yourself trusting Him LESS.

When we worry we unlock the door for the Robber to break in and steal our most valuable possessions –
our peace of mind and our joy in life.

Simplicity cultivates the art of letting go and de-attaching from possessions.
It brings with its practice, both freedom and generosity.

When we calculate what we are worth, are we looking at what we have here and now
or what we will have then and there?

Resist the temptation to inappropriately assume the throne
and play little gods over stuff that doesn't even belong to us.

When you consider yourself in the role of "manager" rather than "owner,"
how does this change how you view your stuff?

Are you a slave or the master of your things?

QUOTES FROM OTHERS

Every increased possession loads us with new weariness.
John Ruskin

All the endowments which we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the purpose of being distributed
for the good of our neighbor.
John Calvin

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It's one thing to talk of loving others; it's quite another to sell ones possessions
and give the proceeds to those less fortunate.

Comfort/Lins

Possessions are more for the brethren than one's own soul.
He with cheerful mind bears their removal equally with their abundance.

Clement

Whatever you possess must not possess you.

Pope St. Gregory the Great

Avarice starves its possessor to fatten those who come after,
and who are eagerly awaiting the demise of the accumulator.

Greville

We cannot give anything away we possess. We can at best only lay it up in a different account.

What I possess, God owns.

Howard Dayton

The gratification of wealth is not found in mere possession or in lavish expenditure, but in its wise application.

Miguel de Cervantes

He does not possess wealth that allows it to possess him.

Benjamin Franklin

There is a fascination in wealth which renders it extremely difficult
for the possessors of it to maintain their equilibrium.

Charles Spurgeon

I will place no value on anything I have or possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ.

Charles Livingstone

Our use of possessions demonstrates materially where we are spiritually.

Wesley K. Willmer

It is our preoccupation with possessions, more than anything else that prevents us from living freely and nobly.

Bertrand Russell - unbeliever

Many wealthy people are little more than the janitors of their possessions.

Frank Lloyd Wright

Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants.

Epictetus

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands,
that I still possess.

Martin Luther

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Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer
in his lifetime for the good of the community.

Andrew Carnegie

Blessed are those who detach themselves from their possessions and their power
so as to put them at the service of the needy.

John Paul II

Millionaires seldom smile.

Andrew Carnegie

Poverty has its freedoms; opulence has its obstacles.

Denis Diderot

All that we have belongs to God, so He should be taken into consideration in everything we do.

Theodore Epp

All we have is loaned to us, we can't take it with us when we die. If we have no use for a thing,
pass it on to someone else who can use it now.

Scholl

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