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DAILY DEVOTION

THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES

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MATTHEW 13:22 NIV 22 The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.

How are riches deceitful? (The word really means a delusion.)

Riches promise more than they can deliver. They promise security, happiness, and satisfaction in life, but fail to deliver.

Does this mean God is against wealth? No! He just doesn't want you to be deceived by it. Or, to trust in it. For it will surely disappoint you.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17 NKJ 17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

According to Jesus, life does not consist of the abundance of one's possessions. You should believe Him. He knows better.

Luke 12:15 NKJ

[15]And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Watch out! Don't let money deceive you.

Having wealth -- a bunch of stuff -- will not give you a satisfying, fulfilling l

ife. It promises to, but it can't deliver.

Things will not make you happy -- not for long. It's your inward attitude, and doing God's will, that determines whether you will enjoy happiness in life.

If having more money was the answer, why do rich people commit suicide?

Money promises security, but can never quite attain it. In contrast, God delivers security -- for eternity.

HEBREWS 13:5 NIV 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Money can leave you and forsake you, even when you need it most. But God will never abandon you.

Riches will let you down, but God will never let you down!

Prayer: Thank you Lord for opening my eyes to the deceitfulness of riches, O God deliver me from greed and give me riches with ever lasting joy and happiness to eternity in Jesus name, AMEN!