## INTRODUCTION

Expression: "No man is so poor as he who has only money" (2 Cor. 6:10) "... as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

1. (Prov. 15:16) "Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith"

(Proverbs 15:17; 16:8; 17:1)

2. (Luke 12:15) "Beware of covetousness: for a man's life consists not in the abundance of things which he possesses"

Don't determine the value of your life by amount of possessions.

(Matt. 6:25) "... Is not the life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?" (see v32-33)

3. (Eph. 5:15-16) "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil"

Meaning, make the most of your time, make the wisest possible use of your time. (Psa. 90:12) "Teach us to **number our days**, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom" Silver and gold cannot buy time: (Job 24:22) "... and no man is sure of life." So, (2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:13) don't lose time delaying obeying the gospel.

4. (Prov. 8:10) "Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge, rather than gold" (v11) "For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it." (Prov. 16:16) "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!"

One said, "There is no knowledge so valuable as a knowledge of what is valuable." (James 3:15-17; Phil. 3:8)

- 5. Honesty: (Prov. 19:22) " ... and a poor man is better than a liar"
- 6. (Prov. 22:1) "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold"
- 7. (Mark 8:36-37) "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"