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## **SESSION 2 | Wealth and Possessions**

### **I. Introduction**

CJ's definition for worldliness: "a love for this fallen world."

*How we live in relation to wealth and possessions reveals the abundance of joy we have in God or the lack thereof*

### **II. The World's Perspective**

What is wealth and possessions to the world and why is this?

*"You can love money and have everything, or you can love money and have nothing because *the world doesn't give wealth a dollar amount; it's a mindset, it's a passion, it's a lifestyle, it's worship. A worldly view of wealth and possessions can be summed up in an appetite for things and the things of others, self-provision, self-love, and self-control.*"*

### **III. A Kingdom Perspective**

#### **A. Wealth and Possession are a means of God's grace**

## B. Wealth and Possessions are not sinful

“For the *love* of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this *craving* that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” 1 Timothy 6:10

## C. Wealth and Possessions are great, but God in Christ is greater

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”  
Matthew 13:44

“The traveler made a short-term sacrifice to obtain a long-term reward. You might lament over this - “It cost him everything he owned!” Yes, ***but it gained him everything that mattered.***” - Randy Alcorn<sup>1</sup>

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. **For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?** For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” Mark 8:34-38

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<sup>1</sup> Randy C. Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*, Lifechange Books (Sisters, Or: Multnomah Publishers, 2001), 11.

## **IV. A Kingdom Application**

### **a) A Defensive Position**

### **b) An Offensive Position**

Questions to ask yourself:

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