



SERMON NOTES

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THE DISTRACTION

Ephesians 5:15 (NIV) Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV) "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

... You cannot serve both God and money.

Jesus knows that the number one _____
from living a devoted Christian life and serving God
is money.

Because Jesus knew that the top _____
for our love of God is money.

God, for many of us, is _____ when it
comes to our finances.

4 WARNING SYSTEMS TO KEEP US FROM
BECOMING DISTRACTED FROM LOVING GOD
MORE THAN MONEY:

Warning System #1 I always trust God as my
_____ and supply.

Romans 11:36 (NLT) For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory.

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Warning System #2 I keep good _____ of my finances.

Proverbs 27:23 (NIV) Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds;

Warning System #3 I always give _____ (tithe) back to God.

Malachi 3:10 (NIV) Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Proverbs 3:9 (NIV) Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Warning System #4 I live by a _____.

Proverbs 21:5 (NLT) Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.

This enables you to do three things:

1. I can pay off my _____ as quickly as possible.
2. I can begin tithing _____ instead of haphazardly.
3. I can start _____ for the future.

Matthew 6:31 (NIV) So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



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