

The Idol of Success & Wealth

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1 Kings 4:29 "God gave Solomon very great wisdom and understanding and knowledge as vast as the sands of the seashore..."

2 Chronicles 7:11 "...All that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the Lord and in his own house he successfully accomplished."

It's easy for us to believe that Gods blessing is in our success, but like Solomon we risk trading wealth and success for our true reward... Jesus.

1 Kings 11:4 "In Solomons old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God, as his father, David had done."

Jesus teaches us success is very different in His Kingdom!

Matthew 6:19-21 "Don't store of treasures here on earth where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal...wherever you treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

vs.24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." (**wealth, riches**)

How do we not allow success and wealth to become an idol?

vs.25-27 "This is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life...can all your worries add a single moment to your life?"

vs.33 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

How have we let success and wealth become the focus and an idol in our lives?

How is Jesus calling you to trust in him more?

NEXT STEPS **Session 2 during the Message Today!** If Today they will be talking about what it means to be "on a team and in a group." You can jump in even if you missed session 1.

GROUPS **Check them out on the ChurchCenter App** We gather in smaller groups at different times to connect and grow together. Check out what groups are available. Lisa Garlow is leading a class on Body, Soul and Spirit and MaryEllen Divine is leading an online Bible Study on Monday nights. If you are interested in leading a group reach out to Justin Cardinal.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm** Our 7th-12th graders come together for a service designed for youth right here at the church!

CLASSES START WEDNESDAY 6:30pm at the Church It is not too late to sign up for Old Testament Survey or our Freedom Groups meeting Wednesday nights here at the church. Visit ChurchCenter or our website.

FOURTH COAST COMPANIONS TRAINING **Wednesday at 10am** Help our elderly neighbors to age in place by volunteering with this new organization formed by our Massena area pastors. Register on our website or stop by the Connect Area for more information.

BRIDGE BBQ **Thursday at 5:30pm** 5th-7th Graders are invited to kickoff a new semester of Bridge with a BBQ this Thursday at the church.

CROSS CURRENT PAINTBALL DAY **Saturday at 12:30pm** 7th-12th graders are invited for this event. Space is limited so register today on ChurchCenter or the link on Facebook. The cost is \$40

MENS GROUP **Saturdays at 8am** All men are invited to this weekly group that meets here at the church on Saturday mornings!

coming up...

CROSS CURRENT CORN MAZE **Next Sunday at 2:30pm** 7th-12th Graders are invited to go to the Great Adirondack Corn Maze. Cost is \$10.

MOPS **Resumes September 21st at 10am or 6pm** Our moms groups are starting back up this fall. All moms are welcome to join this group that meets during the morning or evening every other Thursday.

MENS ONE DAY **Saturday, October 7th from 8:30am to 4:30pm** Register today on ChurchCenter or our website for a day of food, fellowship, fun, worship and ministry!

ANNUAL PARTNER PARTY **Save the Date - November 3rd** We will share a dinner together, celebrate the past year, and look forward to what is ahead.

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