

**Luke 8:14 (NLT)** ...those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life.

### Real Life Examples:

Solomon – the one who had it all

*"Whoever loves money never has money enough."*

*"Whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income."*

*"As goods increase so do those who consume them."*

*"And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them."*

*"The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much.*

*But the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep."*

*"Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hands."*

*"I denied myself nothing that my eyes desired."*

*"When I surveyed all that my hands had done, everything was meaningless- a chasing after the wind. Nothing was gained under the sun."*

\*\*The passages above are selected from the book of Ecclesiastes

Brothers – the ones who wanted it all

**Luke 12:15** - "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

**Luke 12:20-21** - "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 'This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.'"

### Being Rich Towards God Means...

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**Proverbs 21:20** – In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.

**Proverbs 22:7** - The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

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**2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NLT)** - Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

**2 Corinthians 9:8-9 (NLT)** - And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 9 As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

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**Matthew 6:21** - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Malachi 3:10** - 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 you will not have room enough for it.

It's when we try to work the plan that noise begins to interfere.

Question: What is your noise?