

In God We Trust, part 2
“Principles for the Poor”
Selected Texts

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I. Need Possessions

Matthew 6:25-33

Need possessions are those things that we must have in order to survive.

1. We are to seek them.
Matthew 6:9-11
2. God promises to provide them.
Matthew 6:24-33
3. We can be content if we have them.
1 Timothy 6:7-8

II. Want Possessions

2 Timothy 2:20; James 4:1-3

Want possessions are those things that increase our comfort and pleasure

1. We can have them.
1 Peter 1:18
2. Jesus never used them for ministry.
Acts 3:6
3. We are warned of loving them.
1 Timothy 6:9-11

One of our greatest financial problems is that we genuinely believe that we need things that are really want possessions.

1 Timothy 6:6-8
Philippians 4:11--13

Cell Group Discussion Questions

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1. Did you grow up experiencing financial hardship or financial comfort? How do those experiences affect your attitude toward money and possessions today?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-11 together. What is the relationship between “contentment” and “evil”?
3. What are some things that have caused you to be “discontent” in terms of money or possessions?
4. What are some ways in which we can find peace and contentment in times of economic difficulty?