

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

The Mirage of More

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Just as a *mirage* is illusory and unattainable, so is the striving and searching for lasting peace and contentment through what the world offers. Fortune, fame, achievement, knowledge and possessions will not satisfy in the end, and may just cost us everything of real value!

“*A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions,*”
Jesus says to the greedy crowd just before he tells the parable of the rich fool.



“The land of wealth is not the empire of peace...the lowliest, plainest, narrowest life may be the sweetest. For what does it profit a person to be the landed proprietor of countless acres unless they can reap the harvest of delight that blooms from every yard of God’s earth for the seeing-eye and the loving spirit.”

Henry van Dyke

“Nothing is more secure than that which is abandoned to God.”

Hudson Taylor

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

1 Chronicles 4:10

Psalm 23:6

Matthew 6:21

Luke 12:15

Philippians 4:11-12

Scripture to Memorize:

Mark 8:36 “*What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Define the following words, and explain their difference.

Greed—

Covetousness—

2. As caretakers and trustees for the Lord God, what are we at risk of losing if we pursue and embrace fortune, fame, achievement, knowledge and possessions?

3. When is enough—really enough? Describe **the level of contentment** present in your life today?

HIGH _____ MEDIUM _____ LOW _____.



Unless what we want *more* of is God: His person, His presence, and His power, then what we may be wanting is a *mirage*—a figment of the imagination; husks (pods) —hardly worth spending our lives to attain!

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Recommended Reading:

The Challenge of the Disciplined Life, Richard J. Foster

Winning God’s Way, Loren Cunningham

You Can Be Financially Free, George Fooshee