

- I. We must guard our hearts against greed
  - A. Greed is an excessive desire for more
  - B. Greed is never being satisfied with what you have

“Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.”  
(Ecclesiastes 5:10)

- C. Greed prioritizes riches over relationships
  - D. Greed ignores the brevity of life
- II. Real life is not measured by how much we own
  - A. Wealth will not satisfy our hearts
  - B. Wealth will not bring us contentment
  - C. Wealth will not give us true security
- III. Greed is excessively selfish
  - A. It focuses on selfish gain
  - B. It ignores God as the source of all blessings

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” (Psalm 24:1)

- C. It can lead us to make wealth our god

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.” (Colossians 3:5)

- IV. Wealth is not a permanent possession
  - A. Earthly wealth will all be left behind

“Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain, he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it.” (Psalm 39:6)

- B. Earthly wealth has no value in eternity

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant not to put their hope in wealth, with is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” (I Timothy 6:17)

\*Picture of Biltmore Estate

\*Picture of Billy Graham training center

V. We must focus on eternal riches

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

A. Eternal riches are found when we know Jesus as Savior

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

B. Eternal riches are found as we invest in people

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

C. Eternal riches are found when we give to the Lord’s work

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:11)

