

**A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP**  
**CE Fall, 2015**  
**Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Class #2**

**Wealth as Seduction to Sin**  
**Pre-Reading: Blomberg, Chapter 3**

**I) Introduction**

A) Review:

Gen. 1:26-28 (the “Dominion Mandate”),

Gen. 2:15-17 (the “Covenant of Life”)

Gen. 3:1-7 (elements of seduction and fall)

Gen. 3:14-15 (promised redemption: the “Covenant of Life”). Outworking in the whole of Scripture.

B) Introduction: The particular seductions of wealth.

**II) Wealth As Seduction to Sin**

A) The Pentateuch and Historical Books

Ex. 16:14-31 (manna in the Wilderness)

Ex. 20:3-5 (idolatry); 8-11 (the Sabbath); 15 (stealing); 17 (coveting)

Jos. 7: 1, 20-21 (Achan’s sin)

Compare Dt. 17:14-16 (the king and his possessions) to 1 Ki. 4:20-26 (Solomon’s possessions)

B) Wisdom Literature

Ps. 62:9-10 (heart attitude)

Prov. 30:8-9 (neither poverty nor riches - contentment);

“Better than” Proverbs: Prov. 8:10-11 (wisdom); 11:4, 28 (righteousness); 15:16-17 (love)

### C) The Prophets

Jer. 9:23-24 (boasting in riches)

Ezekiel 16:49 -51 (the underlying sins of Sodom) cf. Gen. 19:1-11

### D) The Gospels

Mt. 4:8-9; Luke 4:5-7 (Satan’s temptation of Christ)

Mt. 6:19-21, 24 (Whom do you serve?) Example: Luke 18:22 (the rich young ruler)

Mt. 13:7 (Faith choked to death); Example: Luke 12:15 (the rich fool)

### E) Acts and Pauline Epistles

Acts 5:1-10 (Internal: Ananias and Sapphira) and Acts 16:16-21 (External: the Philippian slave girl)

Eph. 5:5-6 (greed as idolatry)

1 Tim. 6:5-10 (the root of “all kinds of evil”)

F) General Epistles and The Revelation

1 John 2:15-17, 16 (directions of temptations)

Jas. 5:5; compare Rev. 3:17-18 (the end of covetousness)

III) Conclusions:

The deeper root of evil for both rich and poor: evil desires (Jas. 4:1-4; special case Jas. 2:1-4 [favoritism])

The antidotes for covetousness:

A. *Contentment*. Heb. 13:1-6, 5-6 (contentment and resting on God's promised faithfulness) (cf. Josh. 1:5, Dt. 31:6; as also applied to NT believers Heb. 4:16)

B. *Generosity* – Next Week

**West. Larger Catech. #147: What are the duties required in the tenth commandment?**

The duties required in the tenth commandment are, such a full contentment with our own condition, and such a charitable frame of the whole soul toward our neighbor, as that all our inward motions and affections touching him, tend unto, and further all that good which is his.

**West. Larger Catech. #148: What are the sins forbidden in the tenth commandment?**

The sins forbidden in the tenth commandment are, discontent with our own estate, envying and grieving at the good of our neighbor, together with all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

