

*He who loves money shall never have enough. The foolishness of thinking that wealth brings happiness! The more you have, the more you spend . . . Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 TLB*

**Three misconceptions: Having more will make me . . .**

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Jesus: *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”*  
Luke 12:15 NIV

1. Exercise \_\_\_\_\_.

*Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control. Proverbs 25:28 NIV*

*So I say, walk by the Spirit . . . the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:16, 22-23 NIV*

2. Determine the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to his life?*

*“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:24-33 NIV*

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