



# Possessions

## Matthew 4:8-11

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1. Which of these statements resonates with you the most?
  - a) I feel like I'm missing out on so much of life.
  - b) I can never seem to catch up.
  - c) I never seem to be able to provide what I'd like to for my family.
  - d) I really lack security in life.
  - e) I wish I had (person)'s life / family / home / opportunities / job / whatever...
  - f) I'm sacrificing so much more for God than (person).
  - g) Why hasn't God blessed me like (person)?
  - h) If I could just win the lottery I'd give 90% to God and just keep 10% for myself.
2. Are there particular circumstances where you especially feel like you are missing out on life? Feel free to share some examples...
3. Are there particular circumstances where you feel insecure? Feel free to share some examples...

### **Temptation #3 = POSSESSIONS (verses 8,9)**

1. What do you think of Satan's third temptation? 1) A gutsy play for the whole enchilada. 2) Harder to resist than #'s 1 & 2.
2. How might Satan tempt you the same way?

### **Answer #3 = WORSHIP God (verse 10)**

1. What do you think of Jesus' answer? 1) I'm uncomfortable with His paraphrase. 2) Hard to process. 3) Good use of Scripture. 4) Moses would be proud.
2. Exploring how Jesus' answer might be helpful for you... Read through Deuteronomy 6:10-15 and consider the following questions:
  - a) How are fearing God and worshipping God related?
  - b) How would you define worship?
  - c) How would you describe worship?
  - d) According to Deuteronomy 6:10-12, what are we to "take care" to not forget? Why?
  - e) How can worship helps us "take care" to not forget God and all that He has done for us?
  - f) According to Moses and Jesus is it possible to worship God without serving Him?
  - g) Push comes to shove - are there times when you compromise with worship in order to fulfill your "needs" as an individual, family, and/or parental responsibilities? Based on what Moses warns Israel (Deuteronomy 6:14,15), how do you think God might view your choice of "service."?
  - h) How might you approach these situations differently (trusting/worshipping/serving God)?
3. How might Jesus' answer be personally helpful for you?

### **God's RESPONSE (verse 11)**

1. It seems fitting that God has the last word. How does God respond to Jesus' resistance of Satan's temptations?
2. How might God's response encourage you to resist Satan? Trust God?

### **Catch all last question...**

1. Anything else not covered above or that particularly impresses you from this study?