



“DO NOT LABOR FOR THE  
FOOD WHICH  
PERISHES...” – JOHN 6:27

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FIRST SUNDAY OF AMSHIR

# I. MONEY

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- The pursue of wealth and money can make the soul sick.
- “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matt. 6:24)
- EX: Rich Young Ruler



## 2. THE PASSIONS

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- EX: Judges who condemned Suzanna
- “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” (Rom. 8:6-8)

## 3.A LIE

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- Every lie weakens the soul.
- *"The character of the soul is its commitment. By the choices we make and the values we embrace, we shape our own destiny. Truth is the soul's sustenance; falsehood, its poison. Let truth be your guiding principle, for lying disrupts the harmony of the soul."* Tertullian (c. 155-240)
- "...there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (Jn. 8:44)
- "But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie." (Rev. 22:15)

## 4. PROMOTION OF THE EGO

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- “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...I will be like the Most High.” (Is. 14:13,14)
- “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 18:3-4)
- “Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.” (Pro. 16:18)



## 5. EXTERNAL BEAUTY

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- “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor...” (Ezk. 28:17)
- “Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— 4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.” (1 Pet. 3:3-4)



## 6. POSITION AND POWER

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### **EX: Disciples fought among themselves**

Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" 34 **But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest.** 35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." (Mk. 9:33-35)

### **EX: Simon the Sorcerer**

**"Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done."** (Acts 8:13)

**"Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."** (Acts 8:22-23)



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