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Life Gone Wild

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### “Our #1 Rival God”

(Ecclesiastes 5:1-20)

What is our #1 rival God? Matthew 6:24

Worship God and use wealth Or Worship wealth and use God.

#### **Worship God:**

Verses 1-7

Recognize His Presence. (v1a) (Gen. 28:16-17; Heb. 13:5-6)

Receive His Word. (v1b) (Matt. 4:4; Job 23:12)

Repent of Your Folly. (v1c) (1 John 1:9; 2 Cor. 7:10-11)

Respond in Prayer. (vv2-3) (Matt. 6:5-15)

Resolve to Follow Through. (vv4-6)(Matt. 5:33-37; James 1:22)

Reverence God Above All Else. (v7)(Matt.6:33; Matt 22:37-38)

#### **Worship Wealth:**

Verses 8-17 (1 Tim. 6:6-10; Luke 12:13-21; James 5:1-6)

The more you have, the more you want. (vv8-10)

The more you have, the more you spend. (v11)

The more you have, the more you worry. (v12)

The more you have, the more you lose. (vv13-14a)

The more you have, the more you leave. (vv14b-17)

#### **True Wealth Comes From God:**

Verses 18-20 (James 1:16-18; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Matt. 7:7-11)

Your ability to get money (or anything else) comes from God. (v18)

Your ability to enjoy money (or anything else) comes from God. (vv19-20)



# Growing

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- 1) What is a “rival god”? (Exodus 20:3-7) What is our #1 “rival god” according to Jesus in Matthew 6:24?
  
- 2) What do the following verses say about making money your god? (1 Tim. 6:6-10; Luke 12:13-21; James 5:1-6) How does a person know if money is their god? (see sermon notes vv8-17) Why would anyone choose anything over God?
  
- 3) The worship of God should not be a passive experience, but alive, active and vibrant. What does this look like according to Solomon in verses 1-7?
  
- 4) Take time to look up cross references to each thought on what it means to worship God from the sermon notes vv1-7. Which one(s) do you struggle with the most?
  
- 5) From this study what are some things you can begin to do to better connect with God at your next worship experience on Sunday? Make this the subject of your prayer to God even now as you connect with Him.