



## **I. SATAN USES GREED AS A WEAPON AGAINST ME IN THE SPIRITUAL WAR**

Death and Destruction are never satisfied, and neither are the eyes of man.  
 Proverbs 27:20 (NIV)

**There is nothing wrong with having nice things  
 as long as those nice things don't have us**

## **II. OVERVIEW OF REVELATION CHAPTER 18:1-24**

Together they will go to war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and King of all kings. And his called and chosen and faithful ones will be with him.”  
 Revelation 17:14 (NLT)

**1. The fall of the prostitute—the world's economic system (v.1-3)**

**2. God's people—are called to be different (v.4-8)**

**3. The reaction of the world that loves her (v.9-19)**

- They are shocked that their wealth can be gone in a moment
- They are horrified to realize that they trusted the wrong things

#### **4. The sins that God's people are warned against**

- **Compromising my faith for material gain**
- **Trusting my wealth more than God**

"Come," they say, "let's get some wine and have a party. Let's all get drunk. Then tomorrow we'll do it again and have an even bigger party!"

Isaiah 56:12 (NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

#### **5. The response of Heaven and those the prostitute persecuted (v.20-24)**

### **III. THREE WAYS TO FREE MYSELF FROM THE GOD OF THINGS**

#### **1. Value people more than things**

#### **2. Value the eternal more than the temporal**

#### **3. Value God more than His gifts**

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:20-21 (NIV)