



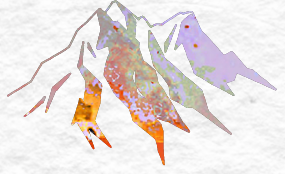
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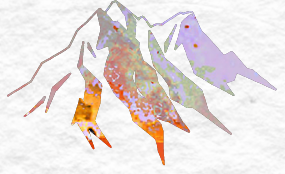




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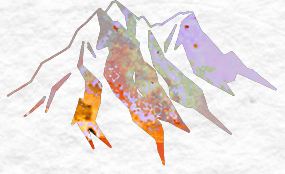




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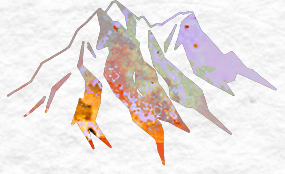




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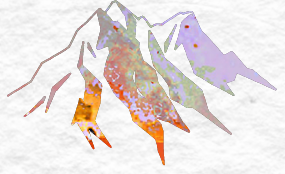


Luke 9:23-24 ESV

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.




1. The Kingdom And Our Fasting



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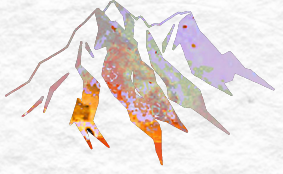


The ironic thing about fasting is that it really isn't about not eating food. It's about feeding on the fullness of every divine blessing secured for us in Christ. Fasting tenderizes our hearts to experience the presence of God. It expands the capacity of our souls to hear his voice and be assured of his love and be filled with the fullness of his joy. Fasting is all about ingesting the Word of God, the beauty of God, the presence of God, the blessings of God. Fasting is all about spiritual gluttony! ...Fasting is feasting on God.

SAM STORMS



2. The Kingdom And Our Finances

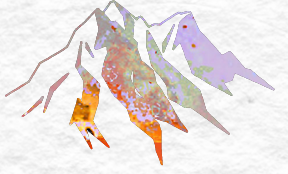


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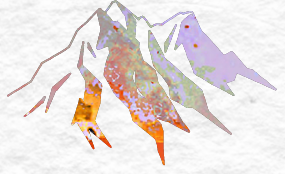
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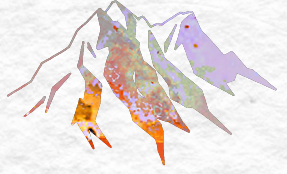




1 Timothy 6:9-10 ESV

⁹ But those who **desire** to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the **love** of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this **craving** that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.






Colossians 3:5 NIV

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.



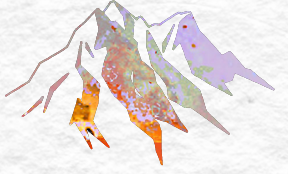


“Jesus warns people far more about greed than about sex, yet almost no one thinks they are guilty of it. Therefore we should all begin with a working hypothesis that “this could easily be a problem for me.”

TIMOTHY KELLER



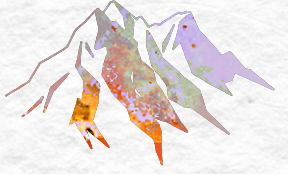
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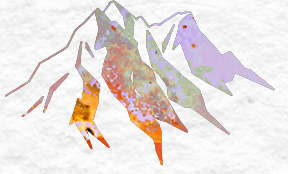
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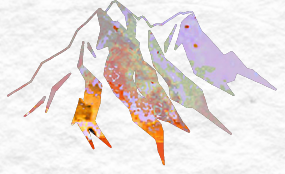




Jesus' message can be reduced to these ideas: Live simply.
Possessions are mysteriously idolatrous. Trust God.

SCOTT MCKNIGHT

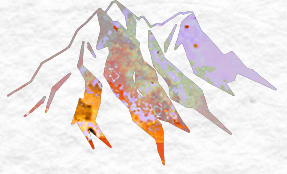




1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.





2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

