

Fantasy World BONUS: Material Matters

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I. The Plunge

Colossians 2:8-12 (TLB) *Paul is writing to a new church*

8 Don't let others spoil your faith and joy with their philosophies, their wrong and shallow answers built on men's thoughts and ideas, instead of on what Christ has said. **9** For in Christ there is all of God in a human body; **10** so you have everything when you have Christ, and you are filled with God through your union with Christ. He is the highest Ruler, with authority over every other power.

11 When you came to Christ, he set you free from your evil desires, not by a bodily operation of circumcision but by a spiritual operation, the baptism of your souls. **12** For in baptism you see how your old, evil nature died with him and was buried with him; and then you came up out of death with him into a new life because you trusted the Word of the mighty God who raised Christ from the dead.

 The physical and _____ impact of following Christ Jesus

Psalms 92:10-15 (NIV) **10** You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured on me.

11 My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

13 planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

15 proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.


 God has defeated our _____ and given us life

II. Imitation

2 Corinthians 9:1-3, 8 (NIV) *Encouraging the offering* **1** There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. **2** For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. **3** But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you


would be.... **8** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

 We give and God _____ our resources abundantly

 The abundance is for the " _____ "

III. The Challenge of Changing A Heart

Luke 16:10-11 (NIV) *Jesus speaking* **10** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. **11** So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

 We will be _____ - Can God trust us?

1 John 2:15-16 (NIV) **15** "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world."

 _____ - physical matter is the fundamental reality

In the New Testament, giving is always a matter of:

- ▶ Lordship Acts 20:35
- ▶ Discipleship 2 Corinthians 8:1-4
- ▶ Stewardship Matthew 25:14-28
- ▶ Worship 1 Corinthians 16:2

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV) ¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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Sat Prov 10-12 Sun Prov 13-15 Mon Prov 16-18; Acts 22

Tue Prov 19-21; Acts 23 Wed Prov 22-24; Acts 24

Thur Prov 25-27; Acts 25 Fri Prov 28-29; Acts 26 Sat Prov 30-31

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