

# What Is Materialism?

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- The dictionary defines materialism as, “a great or excessive regard for worldly concerns.”
- The closest word in the Bible is covetousness (greed)
  - Paul said that it is a form of idolatry (Col. 3:5; Eph. 5:5)
  - He lists it with some of the more despicable things of the world in 1 Cor. 6:9-10.
  - And that we are not to keep company with them (1 Cor. 5:11)
- Problem: no one thinks they are guilty

# Why So Bad?

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- Produces trust in ourselves (1 Tim. 6:17-19, ex. Lk. 12:13-21)
- Hearts will be where our treasures are (Matt. 6:21)
- Blinds us (Rev. 3:17)
- Brings disaster (1 Tim. 6:9-10; Demas)
- Because of the harm it does
  - Erodes our values (1 Tim. 6:9)
  - Destroys families (No 1 problem in marriage)
  - Hurts the work of God – money goes for things not souls.

# How To Overcome

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- Put a ceiling on our wants and desires (1 Tim. 6:6-8)
- Realize that it will not satisfy (Eccl. 5:10)
- Confess it as sin (Col. 3:5)
- Realize this world will end (1 Jno. 2:15-17)