**The Use of Money and Material Things:**

**Greed vs. Stewardship**

**What is Greed, and what are some of its consequences?**

The love of money, for the pleasure it buys **Ecc 5- 10-14 Luke 16: 13-14**

 **1 Tim 6: 7-10 Heb 13: 5**

 Believing we can find security in money **Ex 20: 17 Prov 11: 28**

 **Luke 12: 15-21 Luke 18: 18-23**

 Closing our eyes and hardening hearts to those in need **Deut 15: 7-11 Prov 28: 27**

 Incurring the punishing wrath of God **Isaiah 10: 1-2**

**What is resourcefulness, and what good will it do for us?**

Tithing – setting aside the first fruits to **Prov 3: 9-10 Malachi 3: 8-10**

acknowledge God ownership **Matt 6: 19-21**

 Generous giving to others **Prov 11:25, 19:4 Prov 28:27**

 **Luke 6: 35-38 Acts 20: 35**

 Appreciating what it’s like to be poor **Matt 6: 1-4 Luke 14: 12-14**

 **Luke 16: 19-31 I Cor 13:3**

 **I John 3: 16-17**

 Having the less fortunate over for dinner **Luke 14: 12-14 James 2: 1-16**

 Living simply, appreciating the free things of life **Matt 6: 31-33 Phil 4: 11-12**

**What are the advantages and dangers of being rich? of being poor?**

What are the advantages of wealth? **Prov 14: 20-24 Ecc 5: 19-20**

 What are the dangers and warnings of wealth? **Jer 5: 27-29; 9:23 Luke 18: 24-27**

 Are wealthy people more likely to be **I Tim 6: 17-19 Luke 18: 18-23**

spiritually poor (greedy)? Yes . . . **Luke 6: 20-21 Luke 6: 24-25**

 Why is that? **Matt 6: 19-21**

 What is “the deceitfulness of riches”? **Deut 8: 7-14, and 17-18**

 (God and spirituality are forgotten.) **Matt 13:22 Luke 12: 15-21**

 What are the disadvantages of poverty? **Prov 19: 6-7**

 What is an advantage of poverty?

(None practically, but God will deliver them)