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Keeping from Materialism at Christmas!

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

1. What is Materialism?

- A. Materialism: _____
- B. Materialism is _____

2. The Value of the Material

- A. Material Things were _____
(Genesis 1:1, Psalm 24:1)
- B. Material Things are given as _____
(Deuteronomy 28:8, 11-12, 1 Timothy 6:17)
- C. Material Things, while of value, are _____
(Matthew 16:26, 2 Corinthians 4:18)
- D. Material Things are _____ *(1 Timothy 6:7)*

3. The Danger of Materialism

- A. Materialism can _____ *(Matt 6:24, 1 Tim 6:10)*
- B. Materialism challenges _____ *(Matt 6:21)*
- C. Materialism fills one with _____ *(Matt 6:31, Luke 12:19)*
- D. Materialism _____ *(Luke 12:19)*

4. How to Overcome Materialism *(1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-18)*

“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:11-13)