

Five Signs of Materialism:

- _____ more money than you have.
- Wanting more money in _____ ways.
- Constantly _____ about money.
- Nothing you have is _____.
- Frequently wanting what ______ else has.

Breaking free from materialism:

1. Acknowledge God as the _____ of everything you have.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant **nor to put their hope in wealt**h, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, **who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.** I Timothy 6:17

2. Accept that your _____ is determined by God - not by the quality or the quantity of your possessions. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." Luke 12:15

3. Surrender your money/treasure to God – use it to ______ others for all eternity.

¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. I Timothy 6:18-19

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

• "You can't take it with you, but you can ______ it on ahead."

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. Luke 16:9

Next Steps for October 11:

- ☐ Memorize Matthew 12:34 in a translation that is easy to understand.
- Be in worship next Sunday for WHITE FLAG, Week 3.
- $\hfill\square$ Give God the "first fruits" (first part) of your finances.
- □ Wave the white flag and unconditionally surrender your stuff to Christ.