

The Character of a Committed Christian (Part II)
Luke 6:24-26

I. With a priority on **possession** you have received your **reward in full**.

Luke 6:24 – But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your comfort. (CSB)

1 Timothy 6:9 – But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction. (CSB)

Proverbs 23:5 – In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle. (NLT)

II. When you gain **plenty** you become **full of it**.

Luke 6:25 – Woe to you who are now full, for you will be hungry.
(CSB)

Philippians 3:19 – Their end is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame. They are focused on earthly things, (CSB)

III. Those who live only to **make merry** will in the end find **misery**.

Luke 6:25 – Woe to you who are now laughing, for you will mourn and weep. (CSB)

Job 20:5 – the joy of the wicked has been brief and the happiness of the godless has lasted only a moment? (CSB)

James 4:8-10 – ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. (CSB)

IV. When you seek the **praise of men**, you lose the **praise of God**.

Luke 6:26 – Woe to you when all people speak well of you, for this is the way their ancestors used to treat the false prophets. (CSB)

Jeremiah 5:30-31 – ³⁰An appalling, horrible thing has taken place in the land. ³¹The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own authority. My people love it like this. But what will you do at the end of it? (CSB)

Thought For The Week:

What do we **value** most?

What would we most hate to **lose**?

What do our **thoughts** turn to most frequently when we are free to think of what we will?

What affords us the greatest **pleasure**?

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