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Handout 7-A

Scripture on Money

Summarize the advice given in each of these verses:

Proverbs 3:9

Proverbs 13:11

Ecclesiastes 5:9

Matthew 6:21

Matthew 6:24

Acts 4:34–35

Acts 8:20

Hebrews 13:5

1 Timothy 6:17–19

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Handout 7-B

Quotations on Consumerism and Greed

Read the quotations below. Pick two that particularly strike you, and write a several-sentence paragraph reflecting on them.

There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less.

—G. K. Chesterton

Riches prick us with a thousand troubles in getting them, as many cares in preserving them, and yet more anxiety in spending them, and with grief in losing them.

—St. Francis of Assisi

How mistaken are the great majority of men! If they are rich, they at once desire honors; and if these are obtained, they are still unhappy; for never can that heart be satisfied which seeks anything but God.

—Bl. Zélie Martin

Earthly riches are like the reed. Its roots are sunk in the swamp, and its exterior is fair to behold; but inside it is hollow. If a man leans on such a reed, it will snap off and pierce his soul.

—St. Anthony of Padua

Christ alone can free man from what enslaves him to evil and selfishness: from the frantic search for material possessions, from the thirst for power and control over others and over things, from the illusion of easy success, from the frenzy of consumerism and hedonism which ultimately destroy the human being.

—St. John Paul II