

LESSON 8

Name _____

Gospel vs. Popular Culture

Matthew 6:24 says: “No man can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” The contrast between gospel values and the values of our society bears this out.

Directions: Read the following scripture references and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

The gospel teaches:

1. Blessed are the _____ . (Mt 5:3)
3. Blessed are the _____ . (Mt 5:5)
5. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst _____ . (Mt 5:6)
7. Blessed are the _____ . (Mt 5:7)
9. Blessed are you when they insult you and _____ . (Mt 5:11)
11. “The measure with which you measure will be measured out _____ .” (Mk 4:24)
13. “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up _____ .” (Lk 9:23)
15. “What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit _____ .” (Lk 9:25)

Our culture advises:

2. Happy are the rich and _____ .
4. Nice guys finish _____ .
6. Happy are the comfortable whose for every want is (Mt 5:6) _____ .
8. An eye for an _____ .
Revenge is _____ .
10. Happy are the popular because they get invited to many _____ .
12. Look out for _____ since nobody else will.
14. You deserve to pamper _____ .
If your suffering is incurable you should _____ .
16. Winning is the only _____ .
It’s all right to cheat if you don’t get _____ .

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17. “Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts; no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or _____.” (Mt 10:9f)
18. Get an American Express card and don’t leave _____.
19. “Then Jesus said to him: ‘Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish _____.’” (Mt. 26:52)
20. We must have strong armed forces to keep America _____. I couldn’t sleep peacefully without a gun under my _____.
21. “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with _____.” (Mt 22:37)
22. Go to church to keep up appearances, but don’t become a _____.
23. “But I say to you: offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the _____.” (Mt 5:39)
24. You’ve got to be able to defend _____. If someone punches you, you’ve got to _____.
25. “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of _____.” (Lk 12:15)
26. Win big bucks in the _____.
27. When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to _____.” (Lk 14:13f)
28. It’s not what you know but who _____.
29. Summarize all the above Gospel teachings in one sentence.

30. Summarize the teachings of our culture in one sentence.

