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“the preoccupation with or emphasis on material objects, comforts, and considerations, with a disinterest in or rejection of spiritual, intellectual, or cultural values.”

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Gods plan

Ephesians 3:17-19

“that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God”.

Warning

Colossians 3:1-2

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

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Distractions

success

blessings - promotion, recognition, children, grand-children, good health

God seems silent

disappointment, loss

Temptation to reach for something more ‘tangible’

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When we don't rightfully recognise God as the source of our blessings

Samson

Noah

The Church at Laodicea

“You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’
But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked”

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Self Examination

Have we been side-tracked?

Made ineffective?

Are we relying on other sources, instead of God?

Or

Are we fully aware of how “naked, and blind, broke and down a hole” without Him?

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Revelation 3

v19 “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent”

v18 “I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.”