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“... and what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?”

Matthew 16:26 NLT

With all the empty promises, false teaching and material idols crowding in on our daily routines is it any wonder that we struggle with the definition of “wants” and “needs”? Advertisers are in pursuit of our business and promise us outlandish, unreasonable, and unrealistic outcomes if we purchase their goods. Advertising promises us salvation but is designed to keep us feeling unhappy (www.theguardian.com, February 1, 2013). Why? So we develop a need from a want. Skidelsky (economist and philosopher) says that there is such a thing as having enough – but wants are insatiable!

1. What attitude adjustment is necessary to fight the urge to make a want into a need (**Philippians 4:11-13**)?
2. How does Paul describe the gifts of the Philippians that was sent to him (**Philippians 4:18**)?
3. Compare verse 18 (**Phil. 4**) to **Leviticus 1:10-13**; one is a gift to a servant, the other a gift to God. How are they similar? What is the significance of their similarities?
4. What kind of gifts have you given that would be considered sacrificial and given out of a sense of obedience and surrender?

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5. What is the promise within the Leviticus teaching?

Let's take a look at **1 Timothy 6:3-10**.

6. Since the wholesome teachings of the Lord "promote a godly life" what are those who contradict the teachings of the Lord trying to promote (3-5)?
7. What are some of the characteristics of false teachers/prophets (3-5)?
8. What are the classic dangers, according to the Apostle Paul, of longing to be rich (9-10)?
9. What is the Biblical description of "great" wealth (6-8)?

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:33 NLT