

# GET OVER YOURSELF!

## Overcoming the Selfie Culture

- 8/7 *Self Esteem and the Culture of Me*  
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### Intro:

- *Focus from Narcissism to Materialism*
- *Danger of Greed is how can you tell if you are guilty?*
- *Edward Bernays and the “Engineering of Consent”*
  - *Connects desire for things with Narcissism of self and desire of “Id”*
  - *Aspirational Advertising –Affirmational Advertising*
- *Did it Work?*
  - *Self-Storage Units*
  - *Eccl:5:10*
- *Money can’t buy happiness, we know, but we keep trying.*

### I. *Where is Your Heart? (Matthew 6:19-24)*

- *Heart is more than what you love, it is what are you devoted to. Where is allegiance?*
- *Money or God: Love for one will pull you away from your devotion to the other.*

### II. *Dangers of Misplaced Hearts (1 Timothy 6:9-10,17)*

- *Three Dangers to be aware of with possessions and money*
  - *Danger of Feeling Arrogant*
  - *Danger of False Security*
  - *Danger of Stupidity*
- *It is not wrong to have things or to be rich. Becomes sinful when:*
  - *Obtained wrongfully*
  - *Not practicing good stewardship*
  - *When I is what your entire life is about*

### III. *How to Keep Your Heart in the Right Place*

- *Make Your life about more than money and things (1 Tim 6:18-19)*
  - *Rich in the things that matter*
    - *I-Thou vs I-It relationships*
  - *Blessed to be a Blessing*

- *John Wesley, “Earn all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can”*

- *Make Contentment Your Goal and not the pursuit of More (1 Tim 6:6-8, Phil 4:11-13)*
  - *More than accepting lot in life, it’s not obsessing for more and being satisfied.*
  - *Gifts vs Wages*
- *Truly Examine Your Life to See Where Your Heart is*
  - *What is most important to you?*
  - *How do you react to the rich? To the Poor?*

### Conclusion:

- *The Power of the Gospel*

*“We must shift America from a needs — to a desires — culture. People must be trained to desire, to want new things, even before the old have been entirely consumed...People must be trained to desire, to want new things even before the old had been entirely consumed. We must shape a new mentality in America. Man’s desires must overshadow his needs.”*

*-Paul Mazur, banker*

*“You can have all the money in the world. You can have everything under that tree that you ever wanted. And if you’re sitting there alone, you are the saddest, loneliest human being on the planet, and there’s absolutely nothing that money can buy that will fill your soul.”*

*-Jamie Lee Curtis, actress*

*“A person is no fool to give up what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose.”  
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*-Jim Elliot, Missionary*

*“Learning to trust God rather than trying to provide for our own security may be the biggest challenge facing Western Christians today. Our culture teaches us to measure our worth by the possessions and status we can acquire. Making God’s kingdom the priority of our lives feels like we are not doing the things that make us worthwhile. But only such a radical commitment to God’s agenda for the world, as well as for our lives, will enable us to discover the blessing of God taking care of all our needs.”*

*-Kent Hughes, Pastor*

*“In America consumption even has its own holidays, such as “Black Friday,” the day after Thanksgiving, when stores officially begin the Christmas shopping season. So after spending a day thanking the Lord for our family, health, and friends, we take the next t day to get up at 4 A.M. and buy (stuff) we don’t need.”*

*- Jean M. Twenge, Ph.D, psychologist*

