

“Beware of Materialism, Ministry, Miracles”

John 6:26-36

Dual message to non-believers and believers.

Materialism: vss. 26-27

Gen. 3:6; Job 23:12; Gen. 25:29-34; Ps. 19

Ps. 119:103

“delight” (9 times); “love” (10 times),
“obey” (17 times), and “rejoice” (3 times).
10 synonyms for the Word of God: “Law,”
“Word,” “Saying,” “Commandment,”
“Statutes,” “Judgment,” “Precepts,”
“Testimony,” “Way,” “Path.”

Proverbs 9:1-6, 7-12, 13-18

John 4:32-34

John 6:41b, 48, 51a, 53-54, 56

Ministry: vss. 28-29

Don't let false religion keep you from salvation!

Believers:

#1: Listen to God in His Word.

#2: Pray believing God hears and answers.

#3: Keep doing what you are doing unless you are
sure God is telling you to move on or change.
Rev. 2:5, 10, 25; 3:2, 11

#4: What would God have you do that you are not
doing? Ask for prayer from others. Ask for
help, guidance and teaching. Think of people
you admire in ministry.

Miracles: vss. 30-36

Signs, wonders, miracles can distract us from Jesus.

Trust God to know the best plan. He sees it all.

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Questions to Consider

1. How can I live more like John Wesley's attitude about his material goods?

2. What material things distract me from enjoying God and doing His will?

Food Television Movies Games

Technology Storage Units Vehicles

Other: _____

3. Consider memorizing one of the passages about food and enjoying God's Word or wisdom.

Reference: _____

4a. Do you have a form of religion that is not a genuine relationship with God through salvation in Jesus? If so, change that today by humbling yourself before God, or before someone who can show you that salvation in God's Word.

4b. Believers: What comes to mind as you pray to God about your ministry that is not fruitful and what ministry would you like to do?

4c. To whom could you talk about salvation, or about a new ministry?

5. What work do you do for God through the church or on your own that is not noticed and/or unglamorous, but that God greatly blesses? (i.e. nursery, cleaning the church, making a meal for someone, giving people a ride, taking time to talk with people, etc.)

6. If you are in an unnoticed ministry (like those mentioned above) it is likely God is telling you to “hold fast to what you have.” But perhaps God is calling you to one of these ministries? Which one(s)?

7. List a time or times where prayer seemed unanswered and yet you saw good come out of it. Praise God for His perfect plan.

8. List a time or times when you prayed for a miracle and God did not perform it and you still struggle with it. Tell God about it, and maybe tell someone in the church. God will help you through it.