

Monday, November 30, 2015 - American Greed

I have watched in disgust over the last few days the sickness of humans when it comes to materialism. Society has labeled the day "Black Friday"; I prefer to call it the blackness of souls. There is no denying the prevalence of greed in our society. It is the driving force behind so much of the worst we see in humanity, and it plagues even the hearts of those who are trying to serve God.

The book of Proverbs gives much wisdom regarding materialism. Consider the following verse, "He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like the green leaf" (Prov. 11:28). Materialism is not the possession of things, but the desire for or the obsession to accumulate more and more things, thus placing one's trust in them. This is what Paul had in mind in 1 Timothy 6:9-10, "But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang."

In Luke 12:15, Jesus says "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed." One way to do that is to choose what we set our heart on (v29).

The world shows us everyday where their heart is: where is yours?