

BREAKING FREE FROM THE PURSUIT OF PSEUDO-SUCCESS

Breaking the CHAINS – Part 3
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“For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.”
I Timothy 6:7 (NIV)

“But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.”
I Timothy 6:8 (NIV)

“I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards.
[v.5] I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.”
Ecclesiastes 2:4,5 (NIV)

“I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man’s heart.” Ecclesiastes 2:8 (NIV)

“I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil.”
Ecclesiastes 2:10 (NIV)

“Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.” Ecclesiastes 2:11 (NIV)

“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.”
Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NIV)

Proverbs 11:28

We need to...

1. Rethink _____.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain.” I Timothy 6:6 (NIV)

2. Acknowledge _____.

“Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.”
I Timothy 6:9 (NIV)

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” I Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

3. Redirect _____.

“But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.” I Timothy 6:11 (NIV)

“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [v.8] What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.” Philippians 3:7,8 (NIV)

- True success = _____ combined with _____.