

# WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?

Money cannot buy you friends and yet we live as if it does

## WARM UP

Jesus talked a great deal about money. Sixteen of the thirty parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions.



## CONSIDER THIS

Webster's Dictionary defines Materialism as "The theory that physical well-being and worldly possessions constitute the highest value and greatest good in life."

*3. How can we help each other not to put the pursuit of material things above all else.*

*4. Jesus warns us that we cannot serve two masters. Discuss with each other how you put God first when it comes to money. Share some practical suggestions.*

## BACKGROUND

In this proverb, which is known as the prayer of Argur, it gives a balance in how we should treat material ambition. Too much wealth takes us away from God and too little causes resentment. Paul continues this thought in the question of helping others.

READ **2 CORINTHIANS 8:8-15**  
**PROVERBS 30:7-9**

## QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

*1. Do comfort and belongings mark what's most important to us?*

*2. St Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 7:31 "that this world in its present form is passing away." Why is it then that we often live as if it is the most important?*

## WRAP-UP

Share with one another about what you think is the right amount of wealth or earnings for a New Zealand person.



## IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

## MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

*Pray this prayer each day.*

*"Two things I ask of you O Lord; do not refuse me before I die: keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty or riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown You and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God."*

*Amen.*