



Is It Okay To Want Nice Things?

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Introduction

I. Today's Question

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II. Confusion

- a. We need to recognize that the desire for nice things is natural.
- b. An internal struggle emerges due to two opposite extremes in Christianity.
- c. The first extreme is the prosperity theology.
- d. The second extreme is a poverty theology.
- e. Both of these extremes pervert the issue in our minds and hearts.

III. Finding a Balance

- a. There is no Biblical prohibition concerning having nice things.

- b. The problem arises with the desire for nice things and its effect on us.**
- c. We are called to find a balance in our lives concerning having stuff**

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 30:8-9

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⁸ ... Give me neither poverty nor riches—

Feed me with the food allotted to me;

⁹ Lest I be full and deny *You*,

And say, “Who *is* the Lord?”

Or lest I be poor and steal,

And profane the name of my God.

IV. The Danger

- a. Being consumed with nice things will distract you from the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

- b. It can lead to the sins of greed, coveting and envy.**

Conclusion