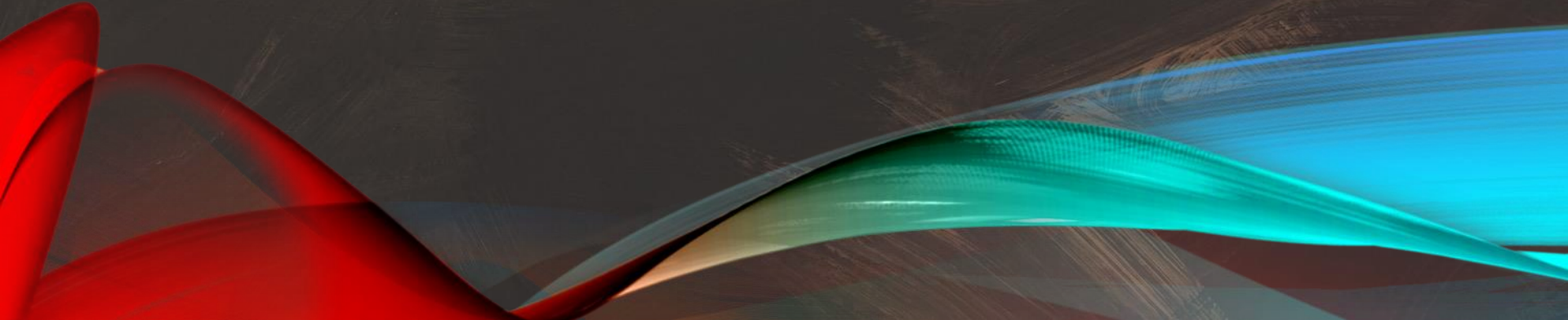


“Life’s Desires”  
Riches  
Part 1



*The two common distractions that keep us  
from what is most important:*

- *Our relentless pursuit of wealth and*
- *Our insatiable desire for more*

*“Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”*

*<sup>14</sup> “Friend,” he said to him, “who appointed me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> He then told them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because one’s life is not in the abundance of his possessions”*

*Luke 12:13-15*

*Things and riches do not provide happiness or  
fulfillment*

*Happiness and Fulfillment is only found in relationships*

- *The relationship that secures satisfaction and peace is your relationship with Jesus*

*“As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*

*<sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”*

*<sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”*

***21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”***

***22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.”***

***Mark 10:17-22***

The antidote to greed is generosity

*“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.”*

*CS Lewis*



***“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed”***

***Proverbs 11:25***