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And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

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It little faith? Then the arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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They distracted him from others.

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They blinded him to God.

Possessions could not save him.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 -But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.

2 Corinthians 4:18 For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

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"...My task was to hijack your imagination, brand your brain with our logo, and then feed you opinions you thought were your own."

- From A Former "Consumer Anthropologist"

What Do I Worship?

- What do I spent my time doing?
 What do I spend my resources pursuing?
- 3. What do I spend my time thinking about?
- 4. What kind of future do I dream about?

What Do I Worship?

Our Stuff Can't Save Us; Only God Can.

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