

**GEHAZI – THE LOVE OF MONEY**

**2 Kings 5:15-27**

November 8, 2009

1. The Issue of Contentment (v. 20)


1 Timothy 6:9-10


Prov. 28:20

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Luke 12:15

2. The Issue of Trust (vv. 15-16)

 **Naaman's gratitude**

 **Elisha's refusal**

Mat. 6:19-34


Mat. 13:22

1 Tim. 6:17-19

Heb 13:5

3. The Issue of Idolatry (vv. 17-19a)

 **Naaman's request**

 **Elisha's response**

Mat. 19:24-26

Summary *Truths*:

The Issue of Contentment:

† Contentment comes to those who receive, with grateful hearts, whatever God provides, without bemoaning what has NOT been given.

† Contentment comes to those who don't fear the future on account of financial instability, trusting rather in God's promise to provide, and remembering how He has provided so abundantly in the past.

The Issue of Trust:

† That which we trust is seen in the freedom, or lack thereof, we have in giving.

† The one whose trust is in God does not fear the loss of a job, or the fall of the market.

Psalm 20:7

The Issue of Idolatry:

† An idol is seen by what we value most, by what we most fear losing. It is an either/or.

A Truth to Remember: Money brings false happiness and security. Only God can bring true happiness and security.

A Challenge to Consider: Are you holding lightly to that which God has entrusted to you, accepting it as a tool to be used to bring glory to God? Are you enjoying what God has provided for you, without allowing what you DON'T have, or what you fear losing, to keep you from contentment?

One thing I heard this morning was...