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Subject: Re: Bulletin Board

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I watched the interview with Matt Pitt and this scripture comes to mind:

1 Timothy 3:5-7

5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

I think with anything we are seeing a distortion of the abundant life message. The new prosperity gospel is not what Jesus was preaching to His disciples.

The abundant life is a life in Christ, serving and following the Son of God.

I don't believe God is against us having material things but it is when the deceitfulness of riches start to choke out the Word of God. Then comes the cares of this life.

Jesus said, A man who has forsaken all will receive lands and houses a hundredfold in this life, with persecutions.

At what point does material things start crowding out the Word?

On the one hand we have to realize we do have a lot of toys in this country. Many distractions, that easily crowd out our time with God. The message of the gospels is not "how to get rich quick scheme".

Sometimes I wondered if we were not crossing over into this thinking with all the talk of Cadillac faith, abundant living, etc. etc.. Obtaining material things became the goals of many. What does it matter if you have a Cadillac versus an old Ford truck they both get you to your destination.

I don't see Paul believing for the newest Chariot to get him to Rome quicker so he could spread the gospel. He didn't even believe for a ship to get across the sea to minister either. Sounds like Paul was preaching a little different message here.

This new message seems to be the gospel (prosperity), that everyone is preaching these days.

With anything its the matter of attitude and where are a man's affections.

I better quit here before I hit the wrong button and erase this.

Gary