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## (#187) The Proverbs of Solomon 27:20- Enough Is Enough

### Proverbs 27:20:

Hell and Destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

The 19<sup>th</sup> James Bond movie title seems to express where this Proverb is going: "The World Is Not Enough" (1999). What the eye can see, the heart can covet, and covetousness is an always-open, never-filled hole that is easily dug in people's hearts. Jesus taught this when He said:

'Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.' Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, "What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?" So he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. Then He said to His disciples, 'Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.' (Luke 12:15-23)

Life is wasted when it is devoted to "more, more, and more!" If profit is not shared, but only invested in self, there is little satisfaction in that business! The hope for change drives the industries of: politics, fashion, amusements, advertising, and education.

Covetousness is being stirred up when:

- Poorer people see what richer people have and want it for themselves without paying the price for it;
- When companies continue to raise profit levels for itself without an increase in quality, quantity, or service of their goods;
- Government wants for itself more of what its citizens have earned;
- Husbands and wives want other partners than God permits in a marriage;



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- Children are given things instead of love, and they want to start their independence with all the things their parents have worked for all their lives!

Insatiable, dissatisfied, discontented, unhappy, and voracious, are some of the words that describe this attitude of heart. "Hell" (a.k.a. "the grave") is never full, for there is always room for one more to die and be buried. "Destruction" (or the ruination of life) always claims another victim.

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Timothy 6:6-10)

If "the love of money" is our driving force in life, there is nothing but sorrow ahead! Doing right is the satisfying reward God gives to all who obey Him (Proverbs 19:23).

The Book of Proverbs also says:

The leech has two daughters-Give and Give! There are three things that are never satisfied, Four never say, 'Enough!': The grave, The barren womb, The earth that is not satisfied with water-And the fire never says, 'Enough!' (Proverbs 30:15-16)

Each of these are fit pictures of the perpetual dissatisfaction in a covetous heart! Indeed:

The proud man... does not stay at home. Because he enlarges his desire as hell, And he is like death, and cannot be satisfied, He gathers to himself all nations And heaps up for himself all peoples." (Habakkuk 2:5)

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' (Hebrews 13:5)

When will you think, "Enough is enough?"