

Nothing Will Grow Where Gold Grows

by Thomas Brooks

Prioritizing the world over Christ leads to a heart that is incapacitated to receive divine counsel and comfort, and ultimately results in the departure of Christ.

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21, Matthew 8:34, Mark 8:36, Luke 12:15, Romans 12:2, Philippians 3:19, Colossians 3:2, 1 Timothy 6:10, James 4:4, 1 John 2:15-17

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the tragic choice of the Gergesenes, who preferred their worldly possessions over the presence of Christ, illustrating how an inordinate love for the world can lead to spiritual barrenness. He warns that when hearts are filled with worldly desires--be it wealth, pleasure, or honor--there is no room for divine growth or comfort. Brooks highlights the folly of choosing temporary gains over eternal salvation, urging believers to prioritize their relationship with Christ above all else.

Transcript

"Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they pleaded with Him to leave their region." Matthew 8:34

Many prefer the world before Christ; yes, the worst of the world before the best of Christ! The Gergesenes preferred their swine before a Savior; they had rather lose Christ than lose their hogs! They had rather that the devil should still possess their souls, than that Jesus should drown their pigs. They preferred their swine before their salvation, and presented a wretched petition for their own damnation.

Though there is no misery, no plague, no curse, no wrath, no hell, compared to Christ's departure from a people--yet men who are mad upon the world will desire this.

Some say that nothing will grow where gold grows.

Certainly, where an inordinate love of the world grows, there nothing will grow that is good. A heart filled . . .

either with the love of the world,

or with the profits of the world,

or with the pleasures of the world,

or with the honors of the world,

or with the cares of the world,

or with the business of the world

--is a heart incapacitated to receive any divine counsel or comfort from the word!

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