

## **Running With Endurance**

### **Selected Scriptures**

#### **Introduction:**

- Somewhere between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of students who claimed to be a Christian entering into college claimed not to be a Christian when they left college.
- Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ of those who demonstrate an initial interest in Christ don't follow through.
- John 6:66-69
- One possibility of why a person might defect is because the person was never \_\_\_\_\_ in the first place.

#### **3 Wrong Estimations About Money:**

- 1.) Money can make me \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.) Money will make me \_\_\_\_\_ better about \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.) Money can make me \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Four Consequences To Loving Money:**

- 1.) It Focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_ (v7)
  - Ecclesiastes 5:15
  - Psalm 49:16
  - Paul wasn't condemning one having \_\_\_\_\_ or being \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Paul was warning against the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.) It Obscures the \_\_\_\_\_ of Life (v8)
  - Paul is not saying it's wrong to have \_\_\_\_\_ than the basic necessities of life.
  - The issue Paul is addressing are the \_\_\_\_\_ desires that rise out of discontentment.
- 3.) It Leads to \_\_\_\_\_ (v9)
  - A love of money can lead to sinful \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It can lead to a \_\_\_\_\_ that, if caught in, is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ to get out of.
- 4.) It Causes \_\_\_\_\_ (v10)

**Four Tests of Loving Money:**

- 1.) You know you love money when you never have \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.) You know you love money when your desires produce \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.) You know you love money when you \_\_\_\_\_ giving it.
- 4.) You know you love money when you \_\_\_\_\_ to get it.

**Conclusion:**

– A person once said: “Our attitude toward money is a \_\_\_\_\_ that measures the spiritual temperature of our hearts.”