

# Things That Draw Away: Misplaced Priorities

# Drawing to – Drawing away

- Jn.6:44-45

Attract, draw by inward power,  
impel (not violent dragging)

Jn.12:32, *lifted up*

Jer.31:3, *with lovingkindness*

- Ja.1:13-15, drawn away: drag away, carry away, lure...

# Priority

- ‘A thing that is regarded as more important than other things. The right to take precedence before other things.’

‘Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least’ – Goethe

‘You need to make time for your family no matter what happens in your life’ – Matthew Quick

- God first – Mk.12:28-31.

# I. 'Drawn To' Passages

- Mt.6:19-21, deposits
- Mt.6:33, precept, priority, Person, promise
- Mt.16:24-26, greatest denial; greatest gain; greatest loss
- Lk.10:38-42, a choice
- Jn.14:15
- Ro.12:1
- 2 Co.5:9
- 1 Tim.4:8

I. 'Drawn To' Passages

II. 'Drawn To / Away'  
Examples

## Hag.1:4-11, wrong priorities

- The choice, 2
- The challenge, 4
- The consequences, 5-11

## Phil.1:21, right priorities

'For to me, to live *is* Christ,  
and to die *is* gain.'

I. 'Drawn To' Passages

II. 'Drawn To / Away ' Examples

**III. 'Drawn Away' Warnings**



# Solomon

Enjoyed greatest advantages

- David's son
  - Man after God's heart
  - Godly example
  - Training, guidance, admonitions

# Solomon

Enjoyed greatest advantages

- David's son
- God encouraged him
- God blessed him
  - Wisdom
  - Wealth
  - Power
  - Peace

# Solomon's Search For Meaning – Eccl.1-2

- Wisdom, 1:16, 18
- Folly, 1:17
- Pleasure, 2:1. Lk.15
- Happiness, 2:2
- Wine, 2:3
- Buildings / Hobbies, 2:4-5
- Nature, 2:5-6
- Power, 2:7. Is.6

# Solomon's Search For Meaning – Eccl.1-2

- Possessions, 2:7-8. 'Thingitus'
  - 1 K.10:14-29
  - Money:

- Lk.6, stingy
- Lk.10, sharing
- Lk.12, hoarding
- Lk.12, obsession

- Lk.15-16, wasteful
- Lk.16, proud / neglectful
- Lk.18, deceived

# Most want to live like the Rich man but die like Lazarus

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- Entertainment, 2:8
- Immorality, 2:8
- Greatness, 2:9

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ALL vanity, 2:11 – chasing wind

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**DOUBLE LOSS:**

**1 JOY HERE,**

**2 JOY HEREAFTER**

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- ✓ Forgotten, 2:16.
- ✓ Despair, 2:17-20.
  - ▶ Losing, 21
  - ▶ Getting, 22
  - ▶ Keeping, 23

I know my priorities by my . . .

1. Choices. Ac.24:25
2. Love. 2 Sm.24:24.
3. Action. Ja.4:8.
4. Service. Mt.6:33.
5. Time. Mt.5:24. . . 6:33. . . 7:5. . . 8:21