

Holding fast in a sea of change

HEBREWS

12:28 — 13:5

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1. When was the last time you went out of your way to include someone in an activity that you'd normal do alone or only with close friends?

2. If you asked your spouse to give you a score of 1-10 on how you've been doing lately investing in your marriage what score would you get?

3. Of the money you've received over the last 3 months, what percentage have you given away?



Pastor
John
Ortberg

**“You cannot meet
God as he truly is
until you meet
yourself for who
you truly are.”**

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Gaius Caecilius
Pliny (the Younger)

Roman governor of Bithynia
61 – c. 113





Rome

Bithynia

Jerusalem



Pliny the Younger

“they bound themselves by an oath not to any criminal end, but to avoid theft or robbery or adultery never to break their word, or repudiate a deposit when called on to refund it.”

- Letter to Emperor Trajan regarding Christians

Pliny the Younger

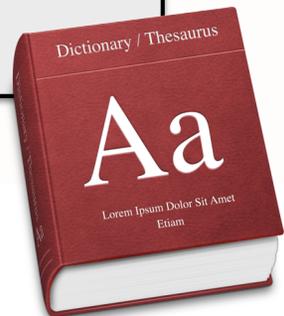


13:1 “Keep on loving one another”

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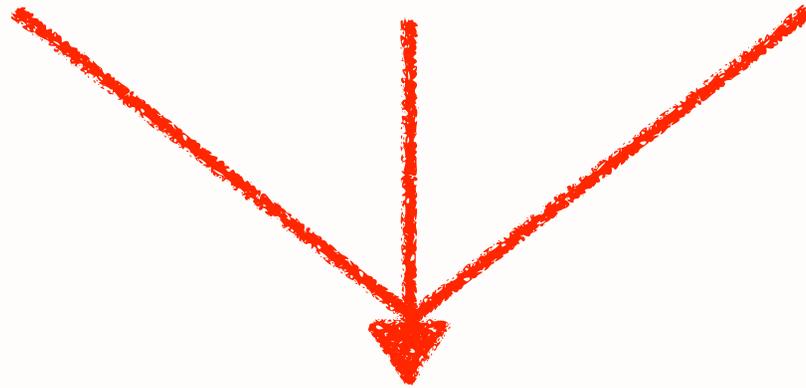
from the
same womb



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13:2 *“Do not forget to show
hospitality to strangers”*



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13:4 *“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”*

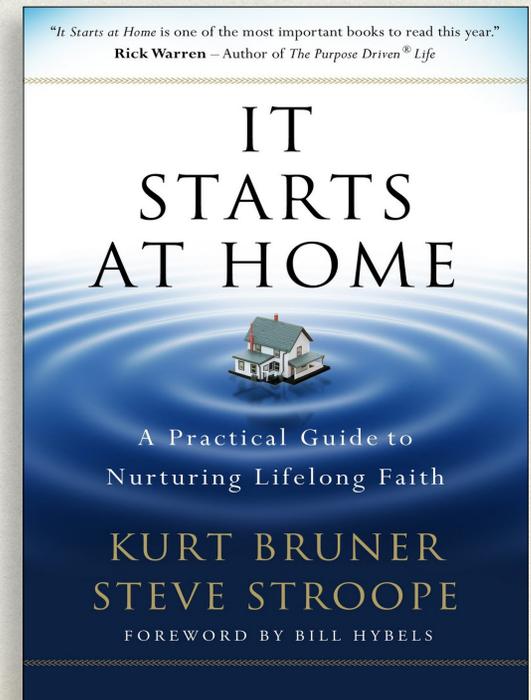


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I can learn about Jesus when I read the Bible and feel close to Jesus when I pray. But I ***become*** like Jesus (spiritually formed) when I give my life to a spouse, a child, a grandchild, and others whom God places in my home.

These are the specific people for whom I am **called** to turn the Word into flesh amid the day-in and day-out reality of life.

“It Starts At Home” page 28



13:5 *“Keep your lives free
from the love of money
and be content with
what you have”*



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“What Not to Do With Your Money”

- Dan Wilvers 5/30/10

1. Money is a tool and test.

- a. It's a *TOOL* to be used for God's purposes in your life.
- b. Money *TEST* our character, values, priorities, and responsibilities.

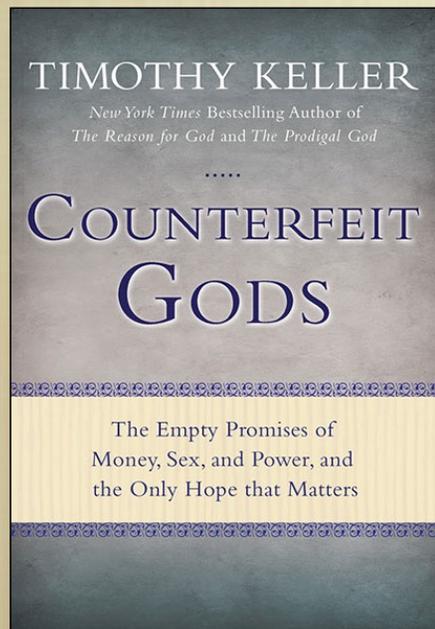
Seeking God's insight on our finances.

What's fascinating is that as our financial needs are supplied, our appetite for money tends to increase rather than diminish. When we're physically hungry, we fill our stomachs, then back away from the table. Not so with money. It seems the more we get, the more we want. -*"Honest to God"* pg.154



Bill Hybels

As a pastor I've had people come to me and confess that they struggle with almost every kind of sin. Almost. I cannot recall anyone ever coming to me and saying, "I spend too much money on myself. I think



my greedy lust for money is harming my family, my soul, and people around me."

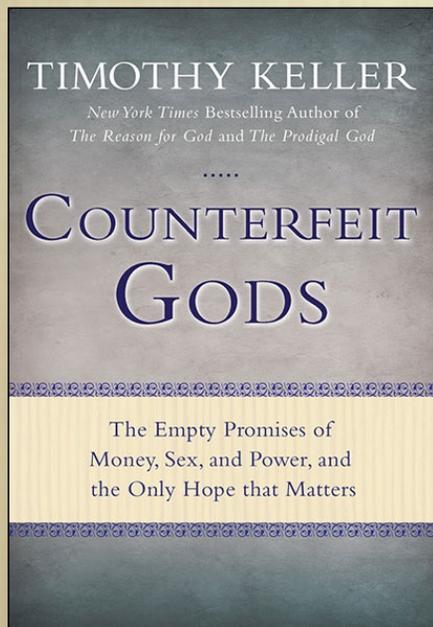
-*"Counterfeit Gods" pg.52*

“Jesus warns people far more often about greed than about sex, yet almost no one thinks they are guilty of it.

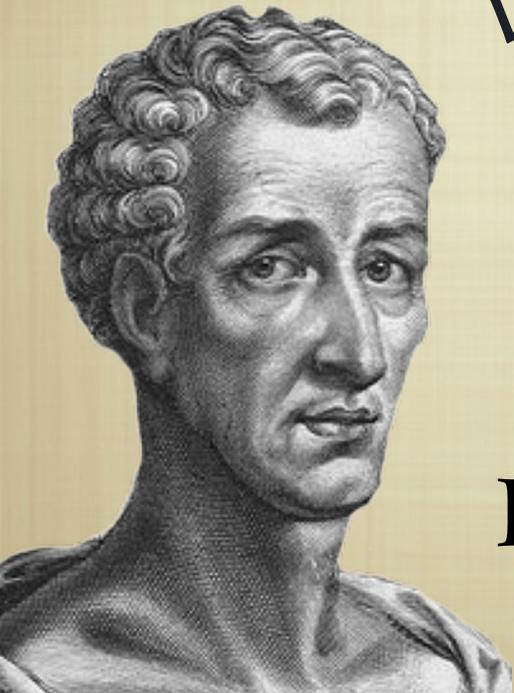
Therefore we should all begin with the

hypothesis that “this could easily be a problem for me.”

-“*Counterfeit Gods*” pg.53



“Their founder persuaded them that they should be like brothers to one another. Therefore, they despise their own privacy and view all their possessions as common property”



Lucian of Samosata

The Death of Peregrine, 11-13

13:5 *“because God has
said, “Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”*



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