

“Potential Dangers In Our Blessings”

Lesson Text: **Deuteronomy 6:10-12.**

Great Blessings That Have Potential Dangers:

I. Great Intellect, Higher Education, & Knowledge. Proverbs 8:11.

- But Even Good Things Can Be A Curse!
^ Illustration: The Safety of an Automobile Depends on Who is at the Wheel.
 - Someone Safe, Dependable, & Wise Or Drunk & Foolish Behind The Wheel!
- Knowledge And Education Is Power! But If God Is Not In The Driver’s Seat, It Is Bound To Be A Curse! (**Jeremiah 10:23; Romans 1:21-22**).
- The Main Problem Is Not The Great Intellect Itself, It’s The Effect On The Person.
“*Knowledge Puffs up*” (1 Corinthians 8:1 NKJB). or “*Makes Arrogant.*” (NASB)
Proverbs 26:12; Proverbs 3:5-7; Why Paul Says... 1 Corinthians 3:18-21.
- The Wisdom From God Versus Worldly Wisdom- **1 Cor. 1:20-21; James 3:15-17.**

II. Time Is A Great Blessing. Ephesians 5:16.

- But If Misused, It Can Be A Curse! The Same Time Used by Someone to Prepare to Become a Great Surgeon May Be Used By Another To Become A Bank Robber!
- How We Use Our Time... 24 daily, 168 weekly, 730 Monthly, 8,760 yearly.
 - Wasting Time Can Be Dangerous— **Proverbs 24:33-34.**

III. Wealth Is A Great Blessing. Ecclesiastes 5:19.

- But if Misused, It Can Be A Great Curse! **Luke 16:11.**
- How We View Our Possessions Is Everything! Does Wealth Change Us?
1 Timothy 6:8-11. Why Verse 11?
 - How Many Lottery Winners Look Back At The Money As A Curse?

IV. Possessing Great Beauty Or Charm. 1 Samuel 25:3.

- Some Women Are Truly Blessed With Attractive Appearance & Charm.
- But It Can Also Be Misused: Delilah, Jezebel, Salome, Herodias....
- **Proverbs 5:1-8; Prov. 31:30.**

V. Having Authority Can Be A Great Blessing. Matthew 8:8-9.

- When Someone Wise And Competent Is Given Authority... It Is A Blessing.
- But When Someone Is Unwise, Cruel, Or Oppressive.... A Curse!
- **Proverbs 29:2; 1 Kings 12:12-16.**

VI. Having Great Popularity & Reputation Among Men. Proverbs 22:1.

- When Everyone Knows Your Name And Your Deeds— Can Be A Blessing.
- But It Can Also Be A Great Curse! If We Try To Hang Onto Such....
- It Caused Many To Compromise To Keep Popularity- **John 12:42-43.**
- Jesus Didn’t Compromise To Keep Popularity- **Luke 2:52; John 6:66-68.**