

The Pilgrim's Progress
Chapter 13— "The Pilgrims and the Deceitfulness of Riches"
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Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." - John 6:26–27 (ESV)

- I. DVD#10 "The Castle of Giant Despair"
- II. Hopeful
 - A. What could he have been called prior to his conversion? Hopeless
 - B. How was he converted? By beholding the words and behavior of Faithful and Christian during their suffering at the fair.
 - C. What does the word "hopeful" mean?
 - D. Why would Hopeful be "hopeful" after seeing what happened to Faithful and Christian at Vanity Fair?
- III. The Characters and Places
 - A. Mr. Byends: An object lying aside from the main one; a subordinate end or aim; especially a secret selfish purpose, a covert purpose of private advantage.

"By-ends was so called because he was full of low, mean, selfish motives, and of nothing else. All that this wretched creature did, he did with a single eye to himself. The best things that he did became bad things in his self-seeking hands. His very religion stank in those men's nostrils who knew what was in his heart. By-ends was one of our Lord's whited sepulchres. And so deep, so pervading, and so abiding is this corrupt taint in human nature, that long after a man has had his attention called to it, and is far on to a clean escape from it, he still—nay, he all the more—languishes and faints and is ready to die under it." – Alexander Whyte

- B. Fairspeech: Enticing or flattering words. (Prov 26:25)

Romans 16:18

But their own belly (ἐξ αὐτῶν κοιλῶν [alla tēi heautōn koiliāi]). Dative case after δουλευουσιν [douleuousin]. A blunt phrase like the same picture in Phil. 3:19 "whose god is the belly," more truth than caricature in some cases. **By their smooth and fair speech** (δια τῆς χρηστολογίας καὶ εὐλογίας [dia tēs chrēstologias kai eulogias]). Two compounds of λογος [logos] (speech), the first (from χρηστος [chrēstos] and λογος [logos]) is very rare (here only in N. T.), the second is very common (εὐ [eu] and λογος [logos]). **Beguile** (ἐξαπατῶσιν [exapatōsin]). Present active indicative of the double compound verb ἐξαπατᾶω [exapatōō] (see 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Cor. 3:18). **Of the innocent** (τῶν ἀκακῶν [tōn akakōn]). Old adjective (ἀ [a] privative and κακος [kakos]), without evil or guile, in N. T. only here and Heb. 7:26 (of Christ).

- C. Mr. Turnabout: a change or reversal of direction, trend, policy, role, or character

- D. Mr. Timeserver: a person whose behavior is adjusted to the pattern of the times or to please superiors
 - E. Mr. Fairspeech: words that are pleasing to the mind especially because of fresh, charming, or flawless quality
 - F. Mr. Smoothman: free from difficulties or impediments
 - G. Mr. Facingbothways
 - H. Mr. Anything
 - I. Mr. TwoTongues (Pastor)
 - J. Madam Feignings: to give a false appearance of
 - K. Mr. Holdtheworld (Lord Turn-about) Like Mr. Worldly Wiseman and unlike Faithful
 - L. Mr. Moneylove:
 - M. Mr. Saveall
 - N. Mr. Gripeman
 - O. Town of Lovegain
 - P. County of Coveting
 - Q. Plain called Ease: Freedom from pain, discomfort, care, labor, difficulty, embarrassment or constraint
 - R. Hill called Lucre: monetary gain
 - S. Demas (Col. 4:14; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:10)
- IV. A description of the two religions
- A. Mr. Byends is for comfortable religion. He will only endure:
 - a.i.1. Sunshine (not storms). His faith is built upon sand.
 - a.i.2. Earth (not heaven). His faith is in “big barns.” (Luke 12:16-21)
 - a.i.3. Flexibility (not faithfulness). His faith is in relativism, not truth. (John 17:15-17)
 - a.i.4. Riches (not rags). His faith is in outward form, not heart holiness. (Matt 23:25)
 - B. Mr. Holdthe world is for prosperous religion
 - a.i.5. Perverted reasoning – hold on, at all costs, to what this world offers.
 - a.i.6. Proverbial quoting – worldly proverbs such as the bee and the reaper.
 - a.i.7. Scripture twisting – to justify fervent courtship with the world
 - C. Mr. SaveAll is for synthetic religion – “temporizing latitudinarian.” He is a man that hath no God but his belly, nor any religion that by which his belly is worshipped.” – John Bunyan
 - D. Mr. MoneyLove is for reasonable religion – “While he claims to support both Scripture” and reason, yet the Word of God is ruthlessly subordinated to a rational and sinful frame of mind that is motivated by self-advancement, rather than righteousness, and euphemistically described as ‘liberty’.”
- V. The Silver Mine at the Hill called Lucre
- A. The Plain called Ease
 - B. The Hill called Lucre
 - C. Demas (Col. 4:14; Phile. 24; 2 Tim. 4:10)
 - D. ByEnds and company

"A 1994 *Money* magazine survey indicates that Americans are a greedy lot and will even cheat to “make money.” Twenty-four percent said they wouldn’t correct a waiter who undercharged them, up from 15

percent in 1987; 9 percent said they'd keep money found in a wallet, up from 4 percent in their 1987 survey. Here's the saddest of all: Twenty-three percent said they'd be willing to commit a crime to "get \$10 million" if they knew they wouldn't get caught! The love of money is still a root of all kinds of evil (1 Tim. 6:10)." – Warren Wiersbe

VI. The Monument to Lot's Wife

VII. Next Week: Chapter 14 "The Pilgrims Deal with Giant Despair."