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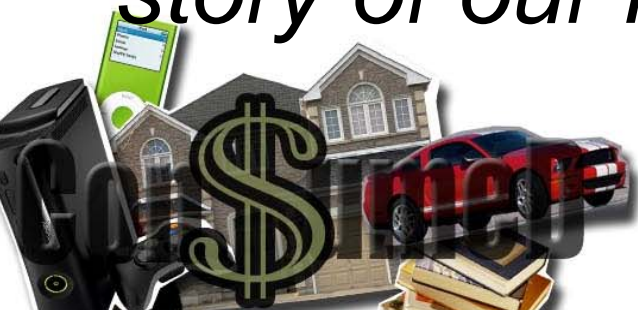


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- A key obstacle to our relationship with God
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“The study of Zaccheus, the rich young ruler, the poor widow, the rich fool, and many other Bible characters shows that our handling of money is a litmus test of our character. It’s an index of our spiritual life. Our stewardship of our money and possessions becomes the story of our lives.”



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- What we do with our money will influence the very course of eternity



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Luke 12:13-21

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CONSIDER YOUR IMMINENT DEATH (16-19)





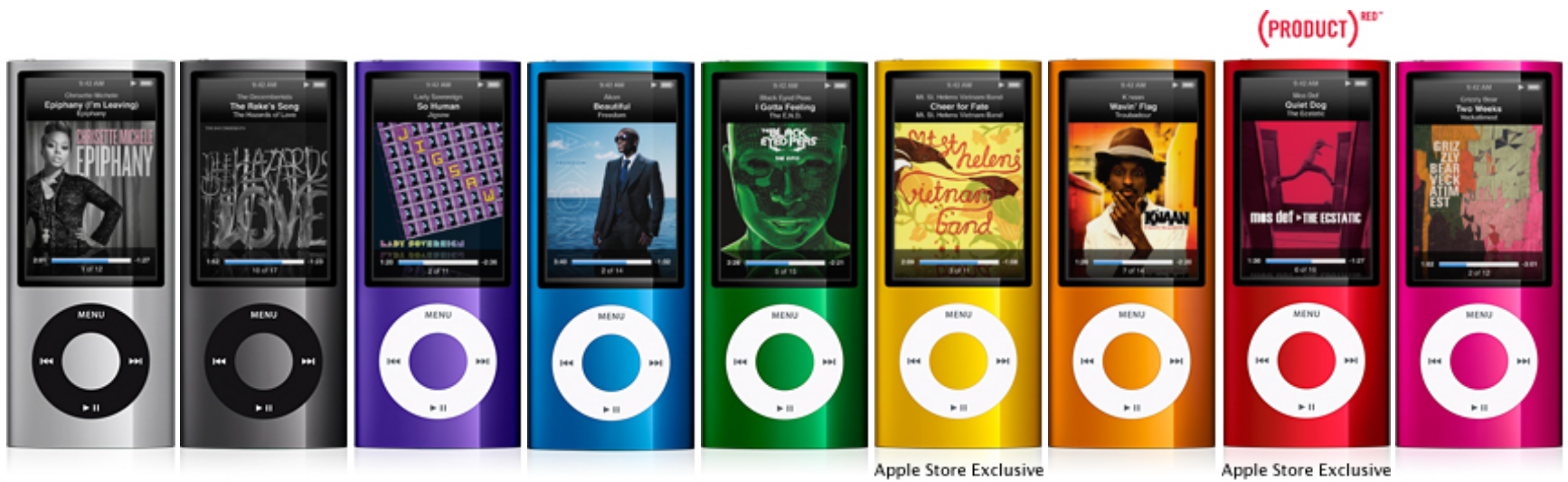
The Arnolds feign death until the Wagners, sensing the sudden awkwardness, are compelled to leave.



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GUARD AGAINST GREED (15A)



DON'T DEFINE YOUR LIFE BY STUFF (15B)



**DON'T BE CONSUMED WITH
THE PURSUIT OF THINGS, BUT
THE PURSUIT OF GOD (21)**



So What Now?

1. Confess and ask God to break the hold that money & stuff has in our lives
2. Commit to slowing down the accumulation of “storing up things for yourself”



So What Now?

- Give away stuff, simplify your life*
- As a spiritual discipline say no to something you want & can afford*
- Ask this question of every purchase: Is it a need or a want?
Act accordingly*



So What Now?

3. Commit to being increasingly “rich towards God”

– *Calculate what you spend on yourself and on God*

– *Commit to changing the percentages of both*



So What Now?

3. Commit to being increasingly “rich towards God”

– Deal with debt to free up \$ and time and energy



***Don't be consumed with the
pursuit of things, but with the
pursuit of God!***



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