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John 1:1-9

- I. Life has many things of importance--
sometimes other things make us see
it.
 - A. Our space van blew off
 1. First I thought it important and hated
its loss.
 2. Then I thought of contents--they were
of more value--gun at side, I thought
someone had shot it off!
 3. Then I thought of that poor soul trail-
ing us--as it sailed over her head.
 4. Like Uncle Donald's car that blew up
and burned--what next!
 - B. So today, I've got somethings that are
important as I see it.
- II. The list includes:
 - A. Money--Ecc. 5:10=16
 1. Solomon had so much silver was as
stones. Silver here generic term for
wealth.
 2. Man never satisfied since riches are
always comparable
 - (a) Ernie Pyle wrote WWII, "a young
man inherited a hugh fortune of
\$15,000.00" Editor critized "hugh"

Pyle, "That is according to who does the inheriting.

3. Money can't buy happiness. Turtle neck guy, "True, Daddy-o, but it will make a down payment on a car and we'll drive around and look for happiness."

4. Can't buy self discipline

5. Can't buy encouragement

6. Can't buy true friendship

7. Can't buy peace of mind, Rest (v-12)
(poor man can sleep)

8. Gives status + jealousy, criticism, bitterness, injury, flattery, vanity

9. Makes some people fear --to not have or lose it. Nothing for kids (v-13, 14)
Job 1:21

I Tim. 6:7.

10. Money's fine if we give it.

11. In Ecc. 5 increase wealth brought increased servants--little left!

12. Money can buy a stroke of time.

B. Light John 1:1-9

1. Jesus wanted you to give the good life

2. He also brought light!

(a) Can't put it out John 1:5

(b) It will reveal things as they are.

(1) Shows our thoughts and our imaginations.

(c) It transforms --Jn 8:12--"I am the light of the world"

(d) It guides

Jn. 12:46 "I am come a light unto

C. Quality is important--John 2:1-10

1. Tell story of wedding

(a) Couple didn't take wedding trip--
stayed home, crowned, guests
came there.

(b) Jesus was called or invited

(1) No kill joy

(2) Jesus not suspicious of happiness

(c) Performed His first miracle

(d) Mary turned to Him for help.

(e) Filled pots full--no half way job.

Ps. 23:5-6 "My cup runneth over

(f) Gave highest quality

(1) His wine stopped the festival so
fine.

(2) Made 180 gallons

(3) He's enough and to spare

(g) He called servants, common folk
to help him--still does.

- D. 4thly Pride is Important -- Rom. 1:29-32
1. Do we have pride in earthly possession
 - (a) Recall the farmer who tore down barns to build bigger ones.
 - (b) To save face the Orientals fell on swords -- we mortgage selves to hilt.
 2. Do we have intellectual pride?
I Cor. 8:1-2 "Knowledge puffety up
Prov. 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all
Prov. 26:12 "Seeth then a man
 3. What about social pride?
Matt. 3:9
 4. Lastly self righteous, spiritual pride
Luke 18:9-14

West End 7-28-68

Horace--"gentle sleep scorns not the humble abodes
of ploughmen"

Shakespeare---"Honey-heavy dew of slumber"

" Smoky cribs, than in the perfumed
chambers of the great"

Shepherd's "wanted sleep under a fresh treeshade
far beyond a prince's