



Shiny Objects

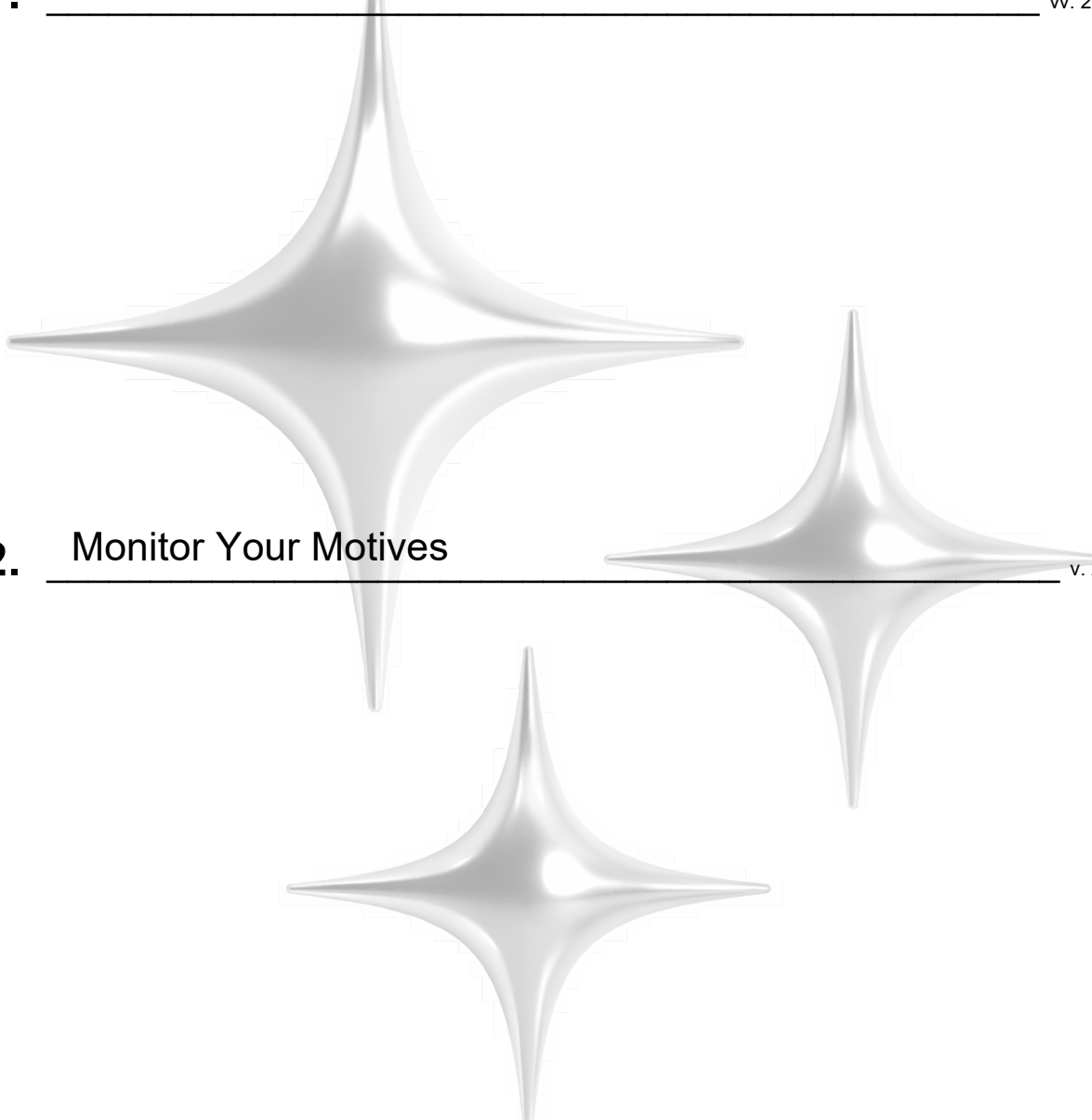
“ How to Protect Against Spiritual Distractions ”

1. Monitor Your Materialism

vv. 21-26

2. Monitor Your Motives

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Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Acts 19:21-26, 16:16-19, Matthew 6:21

- What shiny object got Demetrius' attention? How was it the same for the owners of the slave girl?
- What was the ultimate result of this in terms of Jesus and The Gospel? How did Jesus warn against this?
- Why will this always be a shiny object that detracts from Jesus and the Gospel? How is this true for you?

TUESDAY // Read Acts 19:21-26, Matthew 6:24, James 1:14-15, 1 Timothy 6:9

- Explain why materialism will be a powerful distraction from the Lord. (i.e., two masters)
- In what way will all Christians in America struggle with materialism? Why will it be worse in Orange County?
- Given that materialism will cause spiritual damage, how do you need to proactively protect yourself?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 19:21-26, Luke 18:18-27, 1 Timothy 6:8, 17-18

- In what way did the rich ruler fall in the same trap as Demetrius? What was the spiritual outcome?
- How would you rate your current risk of materialism? How can 1 Timothy 6:17-18 help? Be specific.
- Take some time now to pray and ask God to show you shiny objects that are distracting you from Jesus.

THURSDAY // Read Acts 19:27, John 12:1-6, Psalm 94:9-11

- In what way did Demetrius have ulterior motives when resisting Paul and the Gospel? Be specific.
- How did Judas operate in the same way? (i.e., shiny objects) Why is this important to recognize?
- Given that God knows our motives, how does this challenge you? How can you protect yourself today?

FRIDAY // Read Acts 19:27, James 4:6, Mark 9:35, Galatians 2:20, Matthew 6:26-33, Philippians 2:3

- How can a motive actually become sin? What are some examples? (i.e., pride, power, etc.)
- What is implied about what it will do to your walk with Jesus? (i.e., sin separates you from God)
- How will keeping your motives in check help? What motive is God prompting you to keep in check?

SATURDAY // Read Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 31-34, 38-39, 43-44

- In what way did Jesus confront a legalistic culture with their ulterior motives? Give an example.
- Why was this distinction important? How can this happen in today's churches? Give an example.
- How can you protect yourself against sinful motives? (i.e., ask "why") What is one you can identify now?

MEDITATION VERSE: <i>¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.</i> James 1:14-15
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