

Teen Topics Security (Part 1)

The Issue:

In our ever-changing world, it is easy to become filled with uncertainty and worry. Many people crave security, along with the peace and stability that comes with it. Sometimes people may feel like they need to “take control” to ensure that everything in life is good. Often times when they do this, however, they try to find security in the wrong places.

What does the Bible say?

Read these verses and note the insecure places people often try to find their security. Then give an example of each:

- > [Jeremiah 17:5](#) – In other people (friends, boy/girlfriend, etc.).
- > [Job 31:24-28](#); [1 Tim. 6:17](#) – In wealth (money, status).
- > [Isaiah 31:1](#) – In material things (a car, house, etc.).
- > [Matt. 14:29-32](#) – In their surroundings (their home).

Look at your answers above. Why is it that the things listed fail to provide the security people seek? People will let us down, money doesn't have all the answers, things don't satisfy, and our surroundings are not always what we think they should be.

What should I do?

It is very tempting to try and find our security in the things around us. However, the truth is that those things do not hold the answers we are looking for and will eventually disappoint us. God does not want us to lose sleep over the uncertainties of life, nor overwork ourselves trying to make our lives secure.

Where have you placed your security? Are there things you feel like you need to have in order for “life to be good” (such as popularity, certain clothes, achievements or special talents)? God wants us to find our security in Him, for only in Him can we find the security that we seek ([Ps. 16:8](#)). We will look at this in more detail in our next lesson.