

buys new furniture, drapes, curtains, rugs, and accessories every chance she gets. Lately, however, she has begun to feel that the family income is not sufficient to fulfill her desires; and she has begun to wonder why she has to give a tenth of her income to the work of the Lord. It's not that she wishes to be stingy in her giving; she just feels that there's never enough money to both buy all the things she feels are necessary to properly furnish her home, and to give ten percent to the Lord. She has tried giving five percent to the Lord, but has found that this still does not leave her enough to get new kitchen cabinets or a new counter and sink, or a new marble tile floor; or to get new outdoor furniture for the patio next to her in-ground pool. Carol has therefore decided not to give a specific percentage of her income to the Lord, but to give whatever is left over at the end of each pay period after all the other bills are paid (which unfortunately is usually very little). Without even realizing it, Carol is drifting away from devotion to the Lord, and creating an idol out of her dream home!

For a long time Clyde has wanted a recreational vehicle (an RV). One of his neighbors and a couple of his co-workers have one, and Clyde has set his heart on having one too. However, the RV he wants carries a hefty price tag, especially with all the options Clyde wants on it. Nevertheless he decides to finance it for six years, and so he signs the papers and drives it home. How neat it looks in his driveway! Everybody admires it, and Clyde feels like a big man as he gives some of his friends and relatives a little ride in it! Unfortunately, he previously committed himself by promise to the Lord to give a certain amount each month to