

doing this, doing that. In the end the **Word** is forgotten; choked with all that has filled our hearts and minds.

Some people have desires to be rich. In Matthew's account of this parable the word Jesus speaks of the "deceitfulness of riches". You see they do not bring eternal joy and peace to those whose hearts are set upon them, who strive to obtain them. Because the desire for riches, and the effort to achieve them consumes so much of their time and energy, the precious seed of **the Word** is choked.

No matter what it may be that is allowed to obstruct **the Word** from producing fruit, it is like the thorns in the parable.

What good are thorns?

"But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected... whose end is to be burned"

Hebrews 6 v8.

**Do not let anything choke the WORD!**