

“Contentment: Breaking the Grip of Greed”

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Luke 12:13-21

Money and possessions are a big revealer of the heart!

If we are not wrestling with how we use our money, we are probably not taking Jesus’ warning seriously enough.

Luke 12:16-21 (NKJV); Luke 12:21 (MSG)

How can we guard against all kinds of greed in our lives?

1. Be rich toward God.
2. Settle the ownership question.
3. Align your priorities with the Kingdom of God.
4. Choose contentment.

1 Timothy 6:6-10; Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV)

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Consider:

The grip of greed can be broken in your life through the power of contentment that comes from a rich relationship with Jesus!

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ What are some of the items our society promotes as needed for contentment?
- ▶ Read Luke 12:13-21. Where did this guy go wrong?
- ▶ Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What are some of the values the Kingdom promotes as needed for contentment?
- ▶ How would you define the Kingdom of God?
- ▶ Read Philippians 4:11-13. What is one way you can break the grip of greed and focus on contentment in your life?

Commit:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Read Luke 12:15. Pastor Don shared several ways we can break the grip of greed and focus on contentment:

- Be rich toward God.
- Settle the ownership question.
- Align your priorities with the Kingdom of God.
- Choose contentment.

Which of these ways would you choose to focus on, and how will that look in your life?

Care:

Thank God for the highs expressed earlier and lift up the lows in your group.