



WEEK 2 - WATCH OUT FOR GREED

If you haven't already done so, it would be great if you would track your spending over the next week or so on an app or website like "Every Dollar" on daveramsey.com. Pastor Chad also recommends the following books as additional resources available in our bookstore in the lobby: "Your New Money Mindset," "The Treasure Principle," "Fields of Gold," "Money, Possessions and Eternity" and "The Total Money Makeover."

WELCOME

- ◆ Spend a few minutes greeting everyone in the group.

ICE BREAKER/INTRODUCTION QUESTION

- ◆ Describe some ads or commercials that try to tell us we have to have a particular thing to be happy.

DISCUSSION

1. Read [Luke 12:13-15](#). What were these brothers arguing about?
2. What was Jesus' warning to them?
3. What do you think is the difference between fairness and greed? Do you think there is ever a time when we need to speak up for what is rightly ours? When are we in danger of "all kinds of greed?"
4. Talk about Jesus' statement, "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." How does today's media define life for us? How do they prey on our sense of worth? How have you personally fallen into that trap?
5. Read [verses 16-17](#). What was the dilemma of the man in the story? Talk about a time when you had this same dilemma.
6. When you get extra resources, what do you tend to do with them? Is your default to think of yourself or others?
7. Is there an area of your life you need to confess greed? Are you holding onto "both cookies," rather than sharing one with someone else?
8. Read [verses 18-19](#). What did the rich man decide to do with the extra he had been blessed with?
9. Read [verses 20-21](#). Why do you think Jesus called him a fool? What was wrong with the man's plan? How did he define his life?
10. As you take inventory on your spending, how much of your resources is used for temporal things? How much is used for eternal purposes? In other words, what choices do you currently make that are "rich toward God" as opposed to "storing things up for yourself?"
11. Watch this video as a group: [Work Like a Doctor, Live Like a Nurse](#). How does Renee Lockey's story inspire you? Think through how you spend your money. What do you spend on you? What do you give to others? How could you spend less on you to give more to others? What steps could you take this week toward the freedom that Renee Lockey talks about, living a life a generosity rather than greed?

PRAYER

- ◆ Ask your community group to pray that God would help you to choose generosity over greed in a specific situation. Also pray that God would make generosity rather than greed your default when faced with financial decisions.