



FOUNDING PASTOR KEN WERLEIN LUKE 12:13-21

As we try to diagnose areas of our lives where we struggle with sin, some are more obvious than others. Greed is one of the nastiest of the Seven Deadly Sins because it is perhaps the most difficult to self-diagnose.

- 1. What is something that you seem to constantly want more of and/or that you have that you are extremely reluctant to let go of?
- 2. Read Luke 12:13-21.
 - a. What can we discern about the state of the question-asker's heart? What clues do we see that indicate that he most likely had a greed problem?
 - b. What do you think is the main point of Jesus' parable?
 - c. As you look at your own life, how can you apply this principle?
- 3. What are some signs that we should be on the lookout for in our own lives to discover if (or more likely, how) we are personally struggling with "Bigger Barn Syndrome"?

4. Read Luke 19:1-10.

- a. What caused such a dramatic change in Zacchaeus' heart?
- b. How can your personal experience of God's grace help free you from your personal struggles with greed?



Challenge: In the area of your life where you are most tempted by greed, what is a step you can take this week to grow from greed to generosity?

Prayer: "And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

One of the best places to start growing in generosity is within your own Grow Group.

Partner up with someone in your Grow Group. Take turns sharing an area of need. (Note: It does not need to be financial. It could be emotional support, accountability, relational wisdom, parenting wisdom, etc.)

Generosity, in the broadest sense of the word, means sharing what you have (time, energy, resources, etc.). So take turns sharing an area of need, and after the other person has shared, brainstorm on how you can exercise generosity in helping them meet that need.

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Read "Be Content with What You Have"

https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/be-content-with-what-you-have

