

[SERMON NOTES]

The Problem of the Pursuit of ' _____ ' (Luke 12:13-21)

_____ is choosing to be defined by more.

We can be greedy with more than just our _____. (Ecc. 5:10)

'More' can never be _____. (Philippians 4:11-12)

We _____ greed with generosity, not more. (Hebrews 13:5)

Application Question: Do I find myself pursuing _____ or _____, more?

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

Even from a young age, we all have a desire for more stuff. Perhaps you can remember "that one toy" you always wanted when you were a kid. Or if you have been to a kids birthday party recently, you see their eyes lighting up because they finally got that thing they have been waiting on. Now, there is nothing wrong with giving or receiving gifts but somewhere along the way it has created a desire for "more" or the "the next thing."

Talk about a time in your life (from being a kid or recently) that you really wanted something. What was it? What happened when you received it? How long did that joy last?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

Greed is a sin that has become so prevalent in our culture. It is something that all of us have had in our life at some point or another. Part of this is due to the lines being blurred between our needs and our wants or desires. We see something and say, "Oh I NEED that." Greed allows our wants to feel like needs. **So, how do you distinguish between the two (need vs. want)?**

What is the relationship between needs/wants and having contentment?

READ Hebrews 13:1-8 and highlight verse 5. Hebrews 13 is the closing remarks of the book. In a lot of ways, the author is summarizing some of the qualities in the life of a disciple of Jesus. Love, be hospitable, be faithful, pray, etc. But verse 5 is specifically talking about the love of money but in order to combat it we should be content.

With verse 5 in mind, what does contentment with Jesus look like? How do you work towards that?

In the space below, list out different things that people can be greedy about. Try to come up with at least 10.

Jesus is our example. In being a disciple, we are re-orienting our lives to look more and more like Jesus' life. Jesus was generous. ***Read Philippians 2:5-11 and then write down what Jesus gave up for us and how can we look like Jesus in a similar way?***

The primary vehicle for combating greed is generosity. ***Read 1 John 3:16-18. Then, identify areas in your life that you could grow in being more generous.*** (Time, talents, and your treasures.)

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

Matthew 6:19-24

1 Timothy 6:3-10

Proverbs 28:22, 25

2 Corinthians 9:6-15