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I. The Strange Warning against Greed

- A. The Definition of Greed
- B. The Diversity of Greed
- C. The Deceitfulness of Greed

II. The Secret Workings of Greed

- A. Who is greedy?
- B. How greed works inwardly. . .
- C. How greed expresses itself outwardly . . .

III. The Sure Way to Overcome Greed

- A. Why would we be radically generous?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
- B. How do we become radically generous?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Luke 12:13-34 once more. What is the initial warning given? What is the final charge we are given?
2. Are Jesus' words directed toward the rich or the poor and how do we know? What indications are there in the text?
3. What is greed according to v.15?
4. How does greed work inwardly? What do we use money to provide for ourselves? Why is this bad? How does greed express itself outwardly? Give some textual evidence.
5. What does verse 32 tell us and why is this significant in light of the command in v. 33? Why is the order of these verses so significant?
6. What is Jesus saying when he tells us to sell our possessions? Is he telling us to give all our money and possessions away or is he saying something else?

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1. What did you like about this text and message? What moved you? What challenged you? What didn't you understand?
2. Does the Bible only condemn and beat up the wealthy? Is money the problem or something else? What does 1Timothy 6:10 tell us? What does 1Timothy 6:17-19 tell us?
3. Do you tend to use money for security, for identity (beauty) or for happiness? How does this play out practically in your life?
4. What is the only way to overcome greed? Can you think of some of the 5 reasons why you'd move in this direction? How do we practically move in this direction? (3 practical ways were given!)
5. What is the significance of 2 Corinthians 8:9 in this week's study? What is Paul doing there with the Gospel? How is he using it? How does this relate to our own generosity?