

Alderwood Community Church

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Redefining the Good Life!

Greater Things: Living a Life of Generosity

Luke 12:13-21

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“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Big Idea: Truly living the good life requires being rightly related to both God and your possessions.

Sermon Questions:

1. Write out the definitions of greed and generous.

2. How greedy/generous are you? Place yourself on the continuum between greed and generosity. Why did you place yourself where you did?

Greed ----- Generosity

3. Pastor Brad referred to greed as a “poison.” Read **Luke 12:13-21**. How did greed poison the man in the parable?

Read **12:15**. If your life does not consist of the “abundance of your possessions” what does it consist of?

Read **Luke 12:20** and **Colossians 3:5**. How serious is the issue of greed?

4. Read **12:21**. What specifically does it mean to be rich toward God? How does a person move from being rich in this world to being rich toward God?

5. The rich man had prepared for this life but not for eternity. Jesus made it clear that the results of such an approach are disastrous. Read **Revelation 22:12**. How does this verse change your perspective?

Read **Luke 12:22** and **31**. Do these verses add to your understanding of how to be “rich toward God”? Explain.

6. Knowing what God thinks of greed and generosity, where do you need to start in becoming a person who is rich toward God? How can generosity be the antidote to the poison of greed in your life?