



MEN'S FORUM

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"Generosity"

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¹⁰The LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? ¹¹Israel has sinned; they have transgressed My covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings." —Joshua 7:10-11

"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed." —Mahatma Gandhi

"He who is not contented with what he has would not be contented with what he would like to have." —Socrates

"Nothing is ever enough for the man to whom enough is too little." —Epicurus

"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves."
—Horace Mann

"We cannot negotiate with people who say what's mine is mine and what's yours is negotiable." —John F. Kennedy

• Greed is not a financial issue, but a spiritual issue.

For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD.
—Psalm 10:3

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
—Matthew 6:24

...⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. —1 Timothy 6:7-10

• The issue is not the presence or absence of money in life, but our relationship to it.

I. Greed is intoxicating, yet we think we can hide.

...when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath. —Joshua 7:21

• Greed is attractive, yet destructive.

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

—Proverbs 11:3

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And He said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." —Luke 12:13-21

• Greed is protective, yet deceptive.

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Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.
—Matthew 6:19

- Greed is subjective, not objective.

2. Greed will enslave you, but you can escape it.

- Generosity is the key to unlocking greed's grip on us.

There are three possible views of money based on people's view of the Bible:

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Poverty Stewardship Prosperity

Stewarding View:

God = Owner
I = Manager

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. —Ephesians 4:29

G-I-V-E

Giving honors God and His provision.

⁹Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.
—Proverbs 3:9-10

⁵It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice... ⁹He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. —Psalm 112:5, 9

Increases the enjoyment of what you have and have received.

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." —Acts 20:35

Values the needs of other people over your own indulgences.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his deed. —Proverbs 19:17

Expects eternal dividends.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. —1 Timothy 6:17-19

Bottom Line:

Honest Earning +
Careful Spending +
Faithful Giving +
Frequent Thanksgiving =
Contentment and Good Success