

WEEK 3: CONTENTMENT - THE GUIDE TO GREAT WEALTH Talk-it-Over-Notes | July 12-13, 2025

REVIEW IT

In a culture where greed and selfishness are so predominant, how do we allow ourselves to be marked by generosity? Generosity is a lot more than what you do with your money. Jesus was incredibly generous, yet He had little to nothing to His name. He was generous with His time, His words, His things, His money.

To restore godly values, I must be honest about the problem of greed. Greed is oppressive, blinding and sinful. I must identify areas in my life where I might be greedy. I must understand the consequences of greed. How it invites evil into my life, creates conflict with those I love and destroys my soul. However, I can break greed by giving! Giving releases me from the power of greed, cleanses me from the stain of greed, and pours the blessing of God over my life.

"Don't store up treasures here on earth,
where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.
Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.
Matthew 6:19-20 NLT

Spend some time in Scripture: Read Luke 12

TALK IT OVER

- 1. Greed is an enemy of contentment, focusing our thinking on what we don't have rather than what we do have. Why do you think it's so easy to see greed in others but not in ourselves?
- 2. Greed is more than just money. People can be greedy with time, things, emotions, affection, words, wealth, power, status, and more. Where have you seen greed at its worst?
- 3. Has there been a time when you have been greedy with your time, things, words, or money with your family or friends? How did that affect you and your relationships?
- 4. How have you experienced your generosity leading to God's blessing?
- 5. Read Matthew 6:25-33 (NLT). Greed says I don't have enough; God says you will always have enough. Where do you need to be reminded of this today?
- 6. What else stood out to you in this message? Which of the four points stood out to you the most?

ACT ON IT

This week, pay attention to those times when you find yourself using the word "mine." As you do, notice if these point to anything in particular, and invite God to bring about a spirit of generosity in these areas.

PRAY ABOUT IT

Finish by asking how you can pray for one another. And then close in prayer. Consider reading Psalm 23 as your closing prayer?