

Weekend Resources

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Enemies of the Heart - Greed: "I owe me."

Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

RECAP: These enemies cannot survive exposure and discipline. The way out is not behavior modification—but heart transformation. Each enemy has a specific habit that weakens its hold.

MAIN POINTS

- Greed is hard to see in ourselves.
- Greed flows from a deeper fear.
- The antidote to greed is giving.

GETTING STARTED

When you were a kid, what was something you really wanted but didn't get? (A toy, gadget, outfit, etc.)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:18-19, Luke 12:15-21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The message described greed as "I Owe Me." How does that definition compare with the way you've usually thought about greed? Does it shift or deepen your perspective?
- Greed was described as being "easy to see in others but hard to see in ourselves." Why do you think that is? What makes
 greed so difficult to recognize in our own hearts?
- Jesus' parable in Luke 12 highlights the "Bigger Barn Syndrome"—the endless pursuit of more. How does this parable challenge our cultural view that life is measured by what we own?

APPLICATION

- The message described "systematic, preplanned, prioritized generosity" as the antidote to greed. What might it look like for you to take a first step toward that kind of intentional giving, even if it's a small percentage?
- Kendal compared generosity to exercise—you don't get stronger unless you push past the point of pain. Where might God be
 inviting you to "push past the point of pain" in your giving so you can experience greater freedom and trust in Him?

RESOURCES

- Enemies of the Heart: Breaking Free from the Four Emotions That Control You by Andy Stanley
- Symptoms of Greed
 - Talk a lot and worry a lot about money
 - Not cheerful givers
 - Poor losers
 - Won't let you forget what they've done for you
 - o Reluctant to share
 - Can't let anyone else be in the spotlight
 - Willing to sacrifice the good of all for the sake of personal advancement
 - Change rules in the middle of the game

Practical Application

- Start writing Thank You notes
- Put others in the spotlight
- Start giving
- o Push through the pain