

Sermon Guide

The Happiness Advantage Part 1- Generosity

Big Idea: Jesus doesn't just give you eternal life, he gives you a better life too.

John 10:10

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Luke 12:13-21

Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me." Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?" Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

Jesus asks us....

- 1. How do you measure your life?** (Luke 12:15)
- 2. What's left after your life?** (Luke 12:20)

Discussion Questions

1. If you had 3 wishes from a genie, what would they be?
2. Talk about the happiest person you know. Why do you think they are happy?
3. Do you struggle with being generous with finances? Talk about why.
4. Think about what you measure your life by? Are you satisfied with this measurement? How can your group pray for you when it comes to generosity in your life?