

Antidote

Week 4: Hold On Loosely

Objective: To encourage us to develop generosity in every area of our lives.

Read together:

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.

17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:13-21

1. Why do you think greed is so difficult to recognize in our own lives, even when it’s easy to see in others?
2. The sermon compared greed to radon—an invisible, silent poison. How have you seen greed slowly affect relationships, faith, or personal peace in ways that weren’t obvious at first?
3. In Luke 12:13–21, the rich man stored up wealth for himself but was poor toward God. What stands out to you most in Jesus’ warning, and why?
4. How does Psalm 24:1 (“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it...”) reshape the way we view what we own?
5. The sermon said, “*When greed is present, my possessions possess me.*” Can you think of an example (personal or observed) where someone’s stuff clearly controlled their life?
6. How have you personally experienced generosity—either giving or receiving—as a way of breaking the hold of greed?

Final Thoughts: The sermon challenged us to ask: “*Why has God given me more than I need?*” How would you answer that question in your own life, and what step of generosity could you take in response?

This Week: John writes in 1 John 3:16–18 that true love is shown through actions, not words. What are some practical ways we can show generosity to people around us this week?