

## Pt. 4: Greedy Little Pig

Questions for further study and application:

One of the biggest impacts Mr. Pig has on your life is the greed. Greed tells you that you that true happiness can only be obtained by having more stuff, and more money. Mr. Pig's goal is to make you feel discontent and create an ongoing desire to do whatever it takes to get more. He wants you to consume all you have right now and forget about investing in your future. The Bible warns to beware of greed. Read Proverbs 21:20 (NLT). Spend time in prayer today asking God for the wisdom you need to manage your income well.

## What's New?

On November 26, every campus will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Peninsula Rescue Mission. The PRM is a homeless shelter for men located in Newport News. Visit watersedgechurch.net/fooddrive for a list of the type of food we are collecting.

- Day 2 Read Proverbs 6:6-8. Stop and consider the lesson here. You can't consume 100% of everything you get. When God provides for you, He wants you to be intentional with how you put your money use. Last week, you learned that He wants you to give your first 10% back to the storehouse, or your local church. Your next 10% should be set aside for the future, so that when you encounter difficult times, you are prepared. The remaining 80% is for you to budget and live on right now. Commit to an amount today to begin saving for tomorrow. No matter how much it is, stick to it, and increase the amount whenever possible.
- Pastor Rick Warren says, "When you spend your money it's gone. Yet, when you save your money it works for you." You've heard the phrase, you reap what you sow. When you invest your money, it will reap a return. Read Galatians 6:7-8 (MSG). You can't fool yourself by thinking that you will begin to save when you have more money. With that logic, you'll likely never start saving. What things do you spend money on now that have low value? Do you spend carelessly at fast food restaurants or shopping from the sale racks looking for a great bargain? This is can be a starting point for you. Take money that is spent on things that don't have long term value and put those dollars into an investment for your future. Set yourself up for success, and begin to sow for your future.
- Day 4 Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-11. In these verses, God is promising to provide you with everything you need. God is hardwired to be generous and, as you know, you are made in His likeness. Therefore you are also hardwired to be generous. You don't want there to be a time when God is prompting you to give and you have to tell Him no because you've consumed everything today. Read Psalm 112:9. Start now by changing how you spend, so you are able position yourself to be a blessing to others.
- Day 5 Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. These verses tell you that God wants you to enjoy His blessings but He also blesses you to be a blessing to others. Stu said, "One act of generosity today could write the future of tomorrow." You never know how your generosity will impact the future and the Bible makes it clear that your giving will not be forgotten. What fears you have about giving? Talk to God today about those fears and ask Him to help you overcome any hesitations you have to being generous.