

DEADLY

Greed

DO YOU SUFFER FROM GREED SICKNESS?

- 1 On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 = strongly agree, 5 = disagree)
 - I always want more
 - As soon as I have acquired something, I start to think about how I am going to get the next thing
 - I can't imagine having too many things
 - One can never have too much money
- 2 Do you regularly let friends treat you to meals, clothes, etc. because they make more money than you? Yes | No | Only if it's a special occasion
- 3 You inherit or find yourself suddenly \$1million richer, how much would you give to charity?
- 4 When you walk through a shop, do you: Easily browse and walk away from things you don't need | Buy an item or two that catch your eye and go home happy | Fantasize about what you could buy if you had more money | Feel upset about all the things you can't have?
- 5 You buy a beachside property. A neighbour comes to your door with a petition to close the beach to non-residents. Do you sign | Refuse to sign?
- 6 The local store is handing out lolly samples in the aisles. The person doesn't realise you have already received one. Say "Thanks, I already have one." | Smile and take another, without saying anything.
- 7 The cashier gives you \$10 too much change. You take the extra \$10 - it was her mistake | Keep it, but give it to the first needy person you see | Return the \$10, pointing out the miscalculation.

1. In Luke 12:15 we see someone requesting that Jesus demand an inheritance be divided between two brothers. Why do you think Jesus replied the way He did? Was His response fair?
2. Why should we guard our hearts?
3. What effect does greed have on our hearts and on our lives?
4. What is the antidote to greed, and how can we start living in a way that starves greed?
5. Can you think of someone in your life who is greedy? What do you like / dislike about the way they live their life? How does it feel to be part of their life?
6. Can you think of someone in your life who is generous? What strikes you about the way they live their life? Do they seem to lack, because of their generosity, or do they seem to be thriving? What does it feel like to be part of their life?
7. What steps do you need to take to conquer greed sickness?

THINKING POINTS



VERSE REFERENCES:

- Luke 12:15
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
- Proverbs 11:24-25

“How can I help?”

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