



DEFEATING GREED

Luke 12:13-34 // Dr. Ron Jones

"Greed, for lack of a better word, is good." GORDON GEKKO

"Watch out! Be on guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" LUKE 12:15

A greedy person brings trouble to his family. PROVERBS 15:27 ICB

A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the Lord will be enriched.
PROVERBS 28:25 ESV

Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind. ECCLESIASTES 4:6 ESV

See also Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 3: 3 and 8, 6:6-9; Romans 1:29-30;
James 4:1-3

The Rich and Greedy Fool / Luke 12:13-21

- _____ his surplus
- Focused on _____

- Acted _____
- False sense of _____
- _____ (not rich toward God)

Ways to Defeat Greed / Luke 12:22-34

1. Don't _____.

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ... you of little faith!" LUKE 12:22-30

2. Put God first in your _____.

But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.
LUKE 12:31

3. Live _____.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." LUKE 12:32-34