



TALK IT OVER

The Insanity Cycle

BOTTOM LINE

Generous people don't assume everything they have is theirs to consume.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who is the person you really want to gift in some way this Christmas? What is a gift given to you at any time that showed genuine generosity?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointeorg/daily
- [Money Matters](#) by Andy Stanley (A significant section on greed starts at 12:08.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

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?" This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God. Luke 12:20–21

"Generosity is a mindset that premeditates, calculates, and designates—freely giving of personal assets."

"The word most often associated with money is worry... many of our 'money issues' are not truly money issues. They are contentment issues."

"Worry is not a money problem, it's a spiritual problem."

"Most financial frustration is the result of greed: wanting what we can't get and not needing what we don't have."

"Generous people think like managers, not like owners and consumers."

— Dwight Mason

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How often do you worry about money? What most often prompts it? Whatever your current habit is will continue as you make more money. Discuss. More money does not generate more self-control, discipline, or contentment. The reason you think money is about that is because you don't trust God. What does this mean? What has been your experience here? Organizing your life around being generous kills the mindset that it is all for you. Generous people think differently. What are the differences in thinking that mark a generous person? Whom do you know who you believe thinks that way? You have lots of stuff. You don't have lots of time. How does that speak to you? How does it make you feel when you think that at any moment all you have will belong to someone else? Have you intentionally thought through and planned for that moment? Why or why not? If it can be taken away from you, you never really owned it to start with. Ownership is a myth. What does that mean? How does it apply to you? How has God spoken to you through this parable of Jesus? What do you believe is an intentional next step for you?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will spend significant, intentional time humbly and honestly considering my attitude and perspective toward money and ownership/stewardship. I will listen and prepare to obey.

My Action Step: _____