



Greed – The Enemy of Generosity
Ecclesiastes 5:10-17

Realities of greed:

- Gotta have it!
- Respects no one
- Evades and evaporates satisfaction
- Elicits many evils
- Denies true rest in God

How can you know when we are approaching greed?

- Could you live with contentment on the same income you earned five years ago?
- Is your gut impulse, when someone asks you for money or time for kingdom ministry, to find a way to give?
- Do you believe—and act as if—one's economic status indicates their value as a person?
- Is there anything in your daily life you could go without in order to free up more money for generosity?
- Are you willing to forego or limit time spent on a favorite hobby in order to free yourself for service in your church or another ministry?

Other Scripture:

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Hebrews 13:5-6

Further Study

Read: Ecclesiastes 5:10-17 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week?
Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.