

Bigger Barn Syndrome

Sermon Series: *Snapped! When good people snap.*

Various Passages

JUDAS' STORY

Lk 6:12-16, 9:1-6, Jn 12:4-6, 13:21-30, Matt 26:14-16, 27:1-9

SIX SCARY SIGNS OF GREED

I know I'm greedy if...

1. I make most decisions based on the financial impact.
2. I tend to put financial opportunity above family and health.
3. I often experience buyer's remorse.
4. I'd rather be a liar than poor.
5. I have a history of conflict over money.
6. I plan to be generous someday.

GREED PROTECTION

How to protect yourself against greed... (1 Timothy 6:10-11/ 1 Timothy 6:17-19)

1. Greed is not something to resist – it's something to run from.
2. Generous giving breaks the grip of greed on your life.
3. You can't always get what you want. (James 4:1-3)

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REALife Application

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Read Luke 12:15 and Matthew 6:19-20 for Jesus' thoughts on the trap and the cure. After reading the verses above, how would you describe the "abundance" and "treasures" of your life (be honest)?

Why might this be important to consider when assessing our personal "generosity and greed" meter?

2. Greed is one of the thieves of contentment – and a roadblock to generosity. Read the verses below and note the category that God puts greed into and the other sins He equates it with.

Romans 1:29-31

Ephesians 5:3

Colossians 3:5

Why do you think God considers greed as serious as the other sins in these passages?

3. If it's true that generosity kills greed, how might applying the following verses help us develop a more generous mindset?

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

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Proverbs 23:4-5

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