

Greed to Contentment

Indicators of greed:

1 Timothy 6:9-10, Proverbs 28:25

ReStart

Shift your focus _____ and _____.

Luke 12:13-21

_____ to be _____.

Philippians 4:11-12, 1 Timothy 6:6-8

Disciplines of contentment:

Philippians 4:4-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Colossians 3:15-17, Proverbs 30:8-9

Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Do you think greedy people typically view themselves as greedy? What indicators are easy to see in others but not necessarily easy to see in yourself?
2. Read Luke 12:13-21. In what ways are the man in the crowd and the one in the story greedy? What is wrong with their focus?
3. What are some "griefs" (financial, emotional, relational, physical, etc.) that hound you as a result of poor decision making in your past? Would your life be different today if you had focused more on what God wanted than on what you wanted?
4. How does greed weaken your faith? How does contentment help you stay focused on God? Do you agree that contentment is something that a person has to learn?
5. Read Philippians 4:4-7. What disciplines do we need to establish to allow the peace of God to control our hearts? Look closely. When should we practice these disciplines?
6. What makes it difficult to practice these disciplines of contentment? What is your plan for fitting them into your lifestyle?