

# “From Greedy To Generous”

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## Luke 19:1-10 (page 1630)

“Jesus warns people far more often about greed than about sex, yet almost no one thinks they are guilty of it.” Tim Keller

*Someone in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then He said to them, “**Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.**”*

Luke 12: 13-15

## Greedy:

- \_\_\_\_\_ our core values.
- Is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Is very \_\_\_\_\_.
- Has become the “\_\_\_\_\_”.

## Truly Stunning Responses:

- Zacchaeus climbs a tree
- Jesus comes to dinner
- Zacchaeus becomes generous
- The really important thing

## Question #1 – What is giving?

Giving is not:

- Primarily supporting a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - we don't give in order to get.
- Simply writing checks.

Giving is:

- II Corinthians 9:7-8
- An \_\_\_\_\_ of our hearts. (If God has our hearts, the giving will all be fine.)
- An \_\_\_\_\_ of God's love. (Look at the cross.)

## Question #2 - How much should I give?

- Christians are to give generously.
- The issue is about \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_.
- How much must I give versus how much can I give?

## II Corinthians 8:9

“Jesus, the God-Man had infinite wealth, but if He held on to it, we would have died in our spiritual poverty. That was the choice. If He had stayed rich, we would die poor. If He died poor, we could become rich. Our sins would be forgiven, and we would be admitted into the family of God.” Tim Keller

*Jesus did not tithe on the cross.*

## Romans 8:31-39

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

