

**Where Your Treasure Is...**

**Luke 12:13-34 – Pastor Todd Dugard**

*What do you like to do with your extra money?*

*What is one of your most treasured possessions? How did you acquire it? How would you feel if you lost it?*

Dig In!

***What if I'm anxious about financial matters?***

- Jesus said life is more than food and clothing. What do you think he meant by this? (12:23)
- What's your coveting score on Pastor Todd's test? (See the Diagnostic Test Questions below). Which one of the questions is most relevant to you? (12:15)
- Why are illegitimate methods of building wealth (like fudging the numbers on tax information) unable to reduce anxiety about finances?
- Which is the worse experience, dying before spending all you've earned, or living with nothing to spend at all?

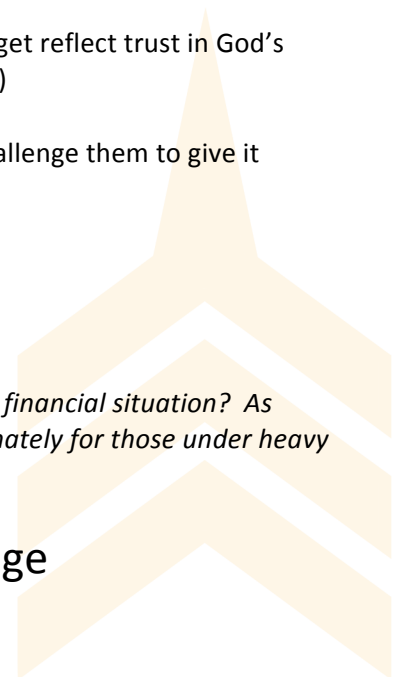
***What if I trust God to meet my needs?***

- What does the average working person need in terms of living space? Wardrobe? Vehicles? Vacation? Who sets these expectations for society?
- How can keeping too much stuff result in someone having too little of God? (12:19-20)
- What experience do you have with budgeting your money? How can a budget reflect trust in God's ability to provide while demonstrating flexibility to be generous? (12:29-31)
- Why does God allow some people to accumulate great wealth and then challenge them to give it away?

Break Out!

*As you look ahead to the coming year, are you aware of any anxiety related to your financial situation? As appropriate, spend time praying for each other's needs to be met. Pray compassionately for those under heavy conviction of coveting.*

**The Self-Diagnostic Test is included on the extra page**



Score 1 point for each question you can answer yes to.

**7 questions to self-diagnose coveting: Do I...**

- (1) *Spend idle time dreaming about what I don't have? (eg. winning the lottery, getting an inheritance, owning a new car, shopping for what you can't afford)*
- (2) *Favour people who can possibly give me what I desire?*
- (3) *Have a sense of entitlement, feeling that I deserve what I don't have?*
- (4) *Ever disobey God's Word so I can get what I want, or what someone else has?*
- (5) *Complain about what I do have? (eg. your car, your house, your job)*
- (6) *Use the phrases, "If only I had..." or "What I wouldn't give for..."*
- (7) *Struggle to be happy for others when they get what I want?*

Results (Just for fun!)

At what point between a score of 1-7 do you think someone has an obvious problem?

