

# WEEKLY GAME PLAN

## From Greed To Generosity

**Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Proverbs 23:4, Matthew 6:19, Hebrews 3:13**

**Context:** Great evil has been perpetrated in the world because of the “love of money.” It’s reasonable to want to provide well for ourselves and our families. The problem arises when we use the energy and talents that God has given us to strive to get rich, instead of using our energy to do what He put us on earth to do. We become weary chasing after things that don’t love us back, that don’t care for us, that don’t want the best for us. We can get hard hearts when we are seeking after things that never seek after us.

**Reflection Question:** What’s one way in which you put wanting to have money above wanting to please God? How do the things you get with your money serve you and your best interests? What kind of heart change do you want to ask God for this week?

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**Read Matthew 22:36-37, Galatians 5:22-23**

**Context:** God should have first position in our lives. That’s it. The end. Scripture says God is a jealous God. He is the only One who has earned the right to have all of us. If anything else takes that top spot, it’s idolatry. The love of God is the root of all kinds of good. There is no law against modeling any of the fruit of the Spirit. What happens when we seek after God with our whole selves? We are loved. We are cared for. We are known. The Gospel isn’t “Jesus died so I can get more.” The Gospel (Good News) is “Jesus died so I wouldn’t need more to be whole.”

**Reflection Question:** Why do you want to put Christ first in your life? What happens when He is your top priority? How would giving Him the position He has earned look different this week?

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**Read Luke 12:1, 13-15**

**Context:** Someone in the crowd wanted Jesus to make things “fair.” That’s not what Jesus came to earth for. Jesus didn’t come to this world to split all the earthly belongings up between us “fairly.” He came to make a way for us to spend eternity with God. Here Jesus is warning this man to be careful of all kinds of greed. The crowd was already showing signs of greed when they were trampling each other

for position. The beautiful part about seeking after God is that we don't have to trample down anyone else to get to Him. He seeks after us. We don't need to take from others to get what God wants us to have.

**Reflection Question:** When have you pushed aside someone else, or their needs, to get what you thought you deserved? What was the outcome like? Why does Jesus warn against "all kinds of greed?" What kind of greed might you be struggling with that's not monetary?

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## Read Luke 12:16-21

**Context:** The length of our lives is not guaranteed to us. We can spend all our time and energy trying to amass wealth, or collecting things, or getting stuff. But what/who are we doing it for? Not to be a Debbie Downer, but Jesus warns us here that our lives could be over tonight. He never gives warnings just because. He wants us to think deeply about how we spend our most precious resource, time.

**Reflection Question:** What are you doing with the time that God has given you here on this earth? How are you serving His purposes for you? If He were to call you home tonight, what example/s could you use to be proud to stand before Him and give an account of what you did with your time?

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## Read Matthew 6:33, Psalm 50:9-12, Acts 17:24-25, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Proverbs 11:25

**Context:** God doesn't need anything from us. He doesn't want us to give because without our giving He wouldn't be able to accomplish what He wants to here on earth. He wants us to give in order to change our hearts and minds. He wants us to give to transform us from the inside out. Generosity is not something God wants *from* you, but *for* you. He wants our giving to be out of our faith that He will provide for us.

**Reflection Question:** How does your giving reflect your belief that God will provide for your needs? How have you felt when you have given generously to someone? Why do you suppose giving is so important to God? If we are to live like Christ, what example can you follow this week from Christ's life and ministry?

End in prayer. Ask God for opportunities to be generous this week. See how He provides for your every need.