

# FOLLOW ME

IN STEP WITH JESUS - THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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## Make God's Agenda Your Agenda | Luke 12:13-34

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» READ Luke 12:13-34 together as a group. «

1. Do you feel uncomfortable talking about money and possessions in the context of church? Why or why not? In what ways does wealth often come between us and God?
2. What does it mean to “seek [first] his kingdom” (v. 31; see also Matthew 6:33)? What would this look like at a practical level in your life?  
*Leader Hints:*  
*Make God's agenda your agenda; align yourself with his plan and his priorities; set your heart on the things that capture God's heart; chart your course in a way that advances his work in this world; orient your entire life toward God's purposes. All of these ideas are wrapped up in “seek [first] his kingdom.”*
3. Pastor Dan defined greed as “an unquenchable thirst for getting more and more of something that we think we need in order to be truly satisfied.” How do you respond to this definition? How does greed creep up on us in subtle ways? Give some specific examples.
4. The rich man fell into the trap of greed because he didn't recognize (a) the source and (b) the purpose of his wealth. Talk about each of these failures. What do they mean? How do they lead to greed?  
*Leader Hints:*  
*(a) He didn't recognize God as the source of his wealth. Be sure to note the pronouns in v. 17-19. It's all about himself and his achievements. (b) He didn't recognize a purpose for his wealth other than personal consumption and comfort. There is no thought to blessing and benefiting others.*
5. What three keys from the passage can help us overcome our sinful tendency toward greed? Discuss each one. Can you come up with any other biblical suggestions?  
*Leader Hints:*  
*(a) Be alert—“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed” (v. 15). (b) Be mindful of what life's really about—“A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (v. 15). (c) Be generous—“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God” (v. 21).*
6. Why do we tend to worry about various situations in life (including financial concerns) when worrying doesn't actually accomplish anything? What are we saying (whether intentionally or unintentionally) about God when we become anxious?
7. List some of the reasons that we can trust God to meet all of our needs (and thus not become worried). What situation (financial or otherwise) do you need to trust God to take care of? What steps can you take to move in the direction of faith and trust?