

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT Discipleship Guide

Message Title: ***“Protecting What Matters Most”***

Series: *“Heart Attack”* | Week of June 25-July 1, 2017

Warm Up:

What was an expensive thing you purchased and immediately regretted? What did you end up doing with it?

Main Thought:

The next attack on the heart we're looking at is greed. It is an *“I owe me”* mindset in which we feel we deserve and must store up more and more worldly wealth and goods only for ourselves. However, Jesus encouraged His disciples to be rich toward God, which means to be giving toward His plans (mission trips, church plants, etc.) and His people (those in need, community ministries, etc.).

The reason Jesus taught this is because generosity is the cure to greed. Jesus also exemplified this in His life. We were in need of a savior for our sins, and God generously gave His Son's life for our salvation. Giving generously may cause us to adjust our spending habits and lifestyle, but it also allows us to grow in our walk with God and be a blessing to others - both of which Jesus says are of great eternal value.

Main Passages:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’” (Matthew 19:23-24)

Scripture Exploration:

- After reading the scriptures, what was Jesus saying to His disciples? What are these scriptures saying to you?

Personal Reflection:

- In what ways has greed controlled your life? How has it negatively impacted you, others, and your walk with God?
- Share about a time generosity had a positive effect on you, others, and in your walk with God.

Active Application:

- What is one thing you can do to guard your heart from greed?
- What is one practical way you can be generous?
- Pair with someone in your Grace Group and hold one another accountable to begin that act of generosity this week and on.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for one another to be healed from greed.
- Pray for one another to honor God and bless others through a heart of generosity.
- Continue to pray by name those in your life God is calling you to reach out to and bring to service, Grace Group, or spend time with.



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