

If Money Talked
Week 1 – The Consumption Assumption
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Jesus talked more about money than he talked about heaven. But he wasn't after people's money. He was after something else—their hearts.

Greed is the assumption that it's all for my consumption.

Greed is not a financial issue. Greed is a heart issue.

“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**

If money talked, it would say, “I can add meaning to your life but I'm not the meaning of life.”

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. -1 Timothy 6:10

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. -Ecclesiastes 5:10

Greed produces the bitter fruit of envy, pride, and discontent. Generosity produces wisdom, humility, and joy.

As long as greed is stronger than compassion, there will always be suffering.

And he told them this parable: The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain." And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.

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For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. -Matthew 6:21