



Week 5: A New Practice

When it comes to money, most of us believe we need just a little bit more. This mindset makes it difficult to practice generosity. It feels counterintuitive to give away what we believe we need more of, because then there won't be enough. The problem isn't money, it's the love of money. We have disordered loves. The truth is, most of us not only have enough, we have extra. And what we do with our extra money is a reflection of our heart.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever thought of yourself as having extra money? Why or why not? As you think through this lens, what are some of the things that you purchase with your extra money (ex. Starbucks, movies, hobbies, etc)?
2. Read Luke 12:13-21
 - a. What does Jesus mean when he says "life does not consist in an abundance of possessions"? Why do you think some people view life this way? What's the risk? Has this ever been true of you?
 - b. Why does God call him a fool? What is the warning for us?
 - c. What does it mean to be rich towards God? What are some practical ways you can do this?
3. Read Luke 12:22-34. What message is Jesus trying to get across about money and how does this encourage us to be generous?
4. Describe a time when you were blessed by giving.
5. Why is generosity an important part of our faith? What are some steps you can take to make it a regular practice?