



The Standard American Version
Luke 12:16-21
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The Bottom Line: Think and behave like a giver rather than a consumer. You'll give more, consume less, and have more left over.

Introduction: The purpose of this series is to teach you how to be generous. My goal isn't to get you to give but to move beyond mere giving to being generous.

Everybody gives something somewhere, but few people are truly generous.

Generosity is more than random acts of giving.

Generosity is the premeditated, calculated, designated emancipation of personal financial assets.

The fact that most people will give something to someone at some time masks the problem. That's why most people consider themselves generous, but they are not!

Promise: When you become generous, you will give more, save more, and consume less. Jesus promises happiness.

People think they feel financial pressure because they do not make enough money.



The Great American Insanity Cycle 1

More money does not generate more self-control, more discipline, or more contentment. More money does not eradicate worry.

The entire thing is driven by greed – the consumption assumption.

Good News: Learning to be generous breaks the crazy cycle.

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Change Your Thinking: Generous people don't assume it's theirs to consume.

If it can be taken away, you never really owned it anyway.

Jesus' Point: Since it's all going to be taken away, why would you miss the opportunity to give it away?

Generous people think like managers, not owners and consumers.

Don't be possessed by your possessions!

Be Rich Toward God.

NEXT STEPS:

- Memorize: Acts 20:35.**
- Imagine what it would be like to live a truly generous life.**
- Attend Next Sunday for the Practical Steps.**
- Commit to the Next Two Weeks of Crazy Like Us.**