



“LOSING THE WEIGHT OF GREED”

Luke 12:13-21

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WARNING SIGNS OF GREED...

1. A greater concern for self than the needs of others
2. A preoccupation with this life and its pleasures
3. A pride in your possessions
4. A disregard for your soul and eternity

HOW TO AVOID THE GRIP OF GREED...

1. Refuse to allow goods to become gods

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.” Colossians 3:5, NIV

2. Practice generosity

“But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”
2 Corinthians 8:7, NIV

3. Learn contentment

“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

GOD CAN USE THE CURRENT ECONOMIC RECESSION FOR OUR GOOD, IF...

1. We let it awaken us to the folly of greed

“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Hebrews 12:11, NIV

2. We let it relocate the roots of our joy

“And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.”

2 Corinthians 8:1-2, NIV

3. We view it as an opportunity for God to reveal His glory