



The month of November tends to spark a heart of gratitude and generosity in people as they look forward to gathering with family and friends and the celebrations of the season. For the month of November, we're going to talk about the topic of absurd generosity from the gospel of Luke. This week's passage in Luke 12 is not a parable about Monopoly; it's a parable about greed. In this parable Jesus exposes the tendency we all have to fall into greed and away from generous living. Jesus makes a compelling case for how destructive the love of money can be in our lives. He exposes the pull that greed has on our lives and teaches us how to live in the exact opposite of greed.

1. The point of the game of Monopoly is to buy property, improve that property, gain wealth, and have the money financial resources at the end of the game. How many of you love the game of Monopoly but have treated life with the same rules?
2. We talked about the following four areas Christians are confused on money: money is evil, I have to tithe, more money equals God's blessing, and it's mine. Which one of these four areas do you struggle with the most and why?
3. **Read Luke 12:13-15.** In this interaction we see the heart of a greedy man exposed before Jesus. **Read Deuteronomy 21:15-17, Numbers 27:1-11, and Psalm 133:1.** Does it seem like this bother cared more about wealth or relationship?
4. **Read Luke 12:16-21.** The man in this parable had a huge bumper crop, and his first inclination was to build a bigger barn. **Read Matthew 6:19-21, 2 Corinthians 9:7 & 1 Timothy 6:10.** How does Scripture teach us to handle the financial resources we have?
5. Jesus used a parable to expose the greed of this brother. **Read Luke 21:1-4.** This woman put in all she had to live on, which equates to about \$2 in our economy. What would it take for you to leave a life of greed and instead live generously?
6. **Read Luke 12:22-34.** Jesus has a private teaching moment with the disciples to help them understand their relationship to money. Jesus is teaching them to trust God with their money. **Read Proverbs 3:5-6.** What would it take for you to fully trust God with your finances?
7. Jesus chose to trust God with every area of His life. **Read Luke 23:44-49.** Jesus trusted His life to God for our salvation. How does that impact your life?
8. Close your time in prayer.