

# Taking Steps of Stewardship: Greedy or Generous?

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Am I **greedy** or **generous**? What a question, huh?

Nobody wants to see themselves as **greedy**.

But claiming to be **generous** sounds somewhat presumptuous, doesn't it?

Can I be somewhere in between? Truth is most of us *are* in between – pulled between our desire to be **generous** and our impulse to be **greedy**.

We want to be **generous**, and we want to resist the urge to get more for ourselves. But it doesn't always work out that way... can anything be done about this predicament?

In one of His parables, Jesus addresses this tension, and shows us how to *conquer greed* and *become generous*. Jesus teaches...

Whether you are **greedy** or **generous** is defined by what you do with your **extra**.

We need to ask: "Why do I have **extra**?"

**Greed** is the **assumption** that extra is for my **consumption**.

Like this rich man, we will likely run out of **time** before we run out of **money**.

**Generosity** views extra as **more from the Lord** to be managed for **Him**.

How do you become rich toward God? Become a **giver**!

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We often think money is for us to **live**, **save**, and then **give** what is left over.

To overcome **greed** and become **generous**... we must first **give**, then **save**, and choose to **live** on what is left over.

To overcome **greed** and become **generous**... we need to be **percentage givers**.

Want to overcome **greed** and become **generous**?

Redirect your **heart**  
through the **dollars**  
in your **hand**!

The issue is not about your **money**,  
it is really all about your **heart**!

If you want to live free from **greed**,  
free to be **generous**, free from your possessions  
and their tendency to own you ...  
then give the Lord **control** of your **heart**!

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