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A Little Bit More

Luke 12:15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”
(NIV84)

1. When we're not content with what we have

Luke 12:16-18 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 “Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’
(NIV84)

1 Timothy 6:6-10 But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (NIV84)

2. When we believe what we are owners instead of stewards.

Luke 12:18 “Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’ (NIV84)

3. When we only spend what we have on ourselves

Luke 12:19 And I'll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” (NIV84)

4. When we are not generous towards God

Luke 12:20-21 “But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” (NIV84)

Mark 12:41-44 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to

him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on.” (NIV84)

Community Group Questions

1. In what ways are you tearing down your barns and building bigger ones? How do we become content with what we have?
2. What is the difference in being an owner or a steward? In which way are you managing the resources God has given you?
3. What does our generosity toward God show of our hearts? How can becoming a percentage giver help you break the trap of greed in your life?