

Discipleship Group Weekly Resources
WEEK 6 Passage: Proverbs 11:24-28

Big Thought: (Read Proverbs 11:24-28 first)

Greed. The type of greed described as foolishness in Proverbs is not just about wealthy people wanting more. Read the passage for the week and you'll see a different picture. The greed warned about has a lot more to do with generosity and withholding, trust and security. If we self-assess honestly, many of us will find ourselves falling for worry-based greed. We are greedy for a little more so that we can stop worrying and have some sense of security. Proverbs, and the wisdom of God, would tell you that if you trust in your riches, you will fall (v.28).

It reminds me of a story of Jesus in Luke 12:13-34. Jesus responds to a question about dividing the inheritance. The question is not about whether the family has enough, but Jesus sees worry-based greed as the man is worried if he will truly have enough.

The wisdom response to greed is clear: generosity. Instead of always striving to fill your already overflowing safety net, wisdom would say to live with radical generosity. And when you live generously, you'll find that you have everything you need. True life will follow the one who is generous.

3 Questions:

1. Do you struggle more with greed as a desire for more or worry-based greed?
2. Why do we struggle with saying enough? Why do humans always strive for more?
3. How can we daily train ourselves to be generous and know when to say enough?