

FOLLOWING GENEROUSLY
Part 1: WHAT'S MINE IS WHOSE?
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"For God so loved the world that He GAVE..."

John 3:16 (NIV)

FOLLOW

To take after, to _____, to imitate. To follow implies the acceptance of another as _____, i.e. willing _____.

I'M FOOLISH ABOUT POSSESSIONS WHEN ...

"... a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak ..."

Luke 12:1 (NIV)

"Someone in the crowd said to Him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed Me a judge or an arbiter between you?' Then He said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'"

Luke 12:13-15 (NIV)

- **Jesus refuses to address the _____**
_____. **Instead, He drives at the _____**
_____ : _____, i.e. _____.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." Exodus 20:17 (NIV)

"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)

- **GREED (covetousness) = An inordinate desire to _____ and _____.**

"And He told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

Luke 12:16-19 (NIV)

1. I Lose Sight Of _____ Them To Me.

“You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your ancestors, as it is today.” Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (NIV)

2. I Lose Sight Of What I _____.

3. I Lose Sight Of What I _____.

4. I Lose Sight Of _____ And _____.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, Who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” James 1:5 (NIV)

“The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.”

Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

“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?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:20-21 (NIV)

5. I Lose Sight Of My Own _____.

“... I must leave to others everything I have earned. And who can tell whether my successors will be wise or foolish? Yet they will control everything I have gained by my skill and hard work under the sun. How meaningless!” Ecclesiastes 2:18-19 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.
- If I believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose from the grave, I’m ready to be baptized.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card to be baptized at our Baptism Celebration on Palm Sunday, April 14th
- I want to give, but I’m reluctant to give to a Church.
 - Check out the Haiti Child Sponsorship program. All money given goes to our mission partner, the LaCroix New Testament Mission. For \$20.00 a month you can provide a child with a school uniform, One meal a day, and an education.
- I want to help those in need, but I prefer working with my hands.
 - For information about the G Garden Project, write your contact information and the word GARDEN on your Communication Card.