

WHAT'S MINE IS MINE

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Focus “He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, and He will pay back what he has given.” Proverbs 19:17

Open What is a new hobby or sport you would like to try?

Read The parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30–35) shows us three different attitudes toward the man who was the victim in the story. The thieves, the priest and the good Samaritan each acted differently toward the victim, based on how they view other people and possessions.

The thieves demonstrated an attitude of *covetousness* toward what wasn't theirs. This attitude says, “What's yours is mine.” Whether we actually steal or not, God commands us not to covet (or strongly desire) what belongs to someone else (Exodus 20:17). God didn't give us this command so we would go without what we need. Instead, God wants us to ask *Him* for what we need. Jesus modeled this for us in the Lord's Prayer when He taught us to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread” (Luke 11:3).

The priest in the parable represents a religious attitude of self-centeredness. This attitude says, “What's mine is mine.” We want to protect what is ours. When we're self-centered, we don't want to be bothered with the problems or needs of others. We're not moved with compassion.

The Samaritan in the story showed an attitude of goodness and generosity. This attitude says, “What's mine is yours.” This way of thinking begins with seeing the needs of others. Then we respond by giving what we have. We can be generous even if we aren't rich. God entrusts us with resources so they can flow through our hands to someone who has less than us. We honor the Lord and invest in His kingdom when we give to those in need (Proverbs 19:17).

Talk

1. What stood out to you from this message? What did you learn?
2. What do you think the word “covet” means? How does comparing our lives with others’ add to the temptation to covet what they have? What are some examples of things we covet?
3. Why do you think we easily covet what others have instead of asking God for what we need?
4. We all wrestle with self-centeredness. We’re called as believers to die to ourselves and serve others. Brainstorm as a group and make a list of various ways you can serve your families or the people you work with. Choose one thing from the list and do it this week.
5. Who do you know that is a generous person? What does their giving lifestyle look like? What have you learned from them?

Live

Ask God to open your eyes to people in need this week. Ask Him for a new opportunity to give. Ask Him for the resources to give. Ask Him to give you a generous heart. Then give when that opportunity arises.

Pray

Lord, we thank You that You have given us everything we need. We praise You, God, that like the Samaritan, You are good and generous. Expand our hearts, God, to be generous givers. Help us to honor You and love people as we give.