

Friday
1/21/11

Rich Toward God

There are no greater riches than to be rich toward God. The wealth of the world cannot compare.

READ: Luke 12:16-21, James 2:5

REFLECT: What do you think it means to be rich toward God? What does James say about it?

RESPOND: How could you be rich toward God in your work or in your home?

Pray Daily Prayer

Saturday & Sunday
1/22/11 & 1/23/11

Generous Towards Others

When you are rich toward God you are generous towards others. Generosity is the true antidote for greed.

READ: 1 Timothy 6:18, Proverbs 19:17

REFLECT: What should we be rich in? And who should we be rich toward according to Proverbs?

RESPOND: Consider giving a donation to the Guatemala mission's team to be given to the poor. You can do it online at our website eumchurch.org on the front page with the giving button.

Pray Daily Prayer

Personal GPS Grow♦Pray♦Study

Use this prayer and study guide to grow each week more in love with God and others.

January 15 & 16, 2011

My Secret: Greed

Week Summary: When we turn wants into needs – that's greed. Greed has a stranglehold on our culture which exhibits itself in a relentless desire for more, more, more. The antidote for greed is generosity.

Pray daily for our church family...

Linda Brenner, Steve Brinley, Gene Cox, Bonnie Ditmer, Cindy Fitzgerald, Doris Longenecker, Pat McLearn, Kent Norgren, Bill Rhoades, Chester Rice, Margaret Richards, Dale Sink, Matt & Mindy Steyer, Roger Walls, Mary Williams, and Emily & Haley Wogoman.

Congratulations to Brian & Carry Rehmert, in the birth of their son, Gavin Scott.

Request Prayers by submitting a prayer card or emailing prayer@eumchurch.org.

MY PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

DAILY PRAYER:

O God, help me to change my way with regard to my pocketbook. Help me to want less and give more. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Monday
1/17/11

The Yeast of the Pharisees

The yeast of the Pharisees is their core values. Jesus says to beware of core values that cause us to seek the world rather than the kingdom.

READ: Luke 12:1-3, Exodus 20:17

REFLECT: What does Jesus tell us to be on guard against? What is the last command in the 10 commandments? How does coveting connect with greed?

RESPOND: Consider your deepest motivations and make a list of the things that motivate you most.

Pray Daily Prayer

Tuesday
1/18/11

Mission Not Money

When you wake up in the morning you have a choice you can either work for mission or for money. And when money becomes the pursuit of your week's energy, it is evil.

READ: Luke 12:1-12

REFLECT: What commands jump out the most to you in these verses? What is the motivation behind these commands?

RESPOND: Name some times when money has been your biggest motivation in your life? How did it work out for you?

Pray Daily Prayer

God's Provision

Wednesday
1/19/11

We try to build financial security through the abundance of our possessions, when in fact, we should build security on the abundance of God's provision.

READ: Luke 12:13-15, 1 Timothy 6:6-10

REFLECT: According to these scriptures what does your life NOT consist of, and what should it consist of?

RESPOND: Name three ways that you believe God has provided for you in your life? Thank him for those things in prayer right now.

Pray Daily Prayer

Pursue Holiness

Thursday
1/20/11

The pursuit of holiness is the true American dream. The pursuit of happiness is the American nightmare.

READ: Luke 12:16-21

REFLECT: What does the pursuit of eat, drink and be merry result in?

RESPOND: What would have to change for you to pursue holiness instead of happiness in your life?

Pray Daily Prayer