



Greed & Charity

Look Back

10 Minutes

- In his sermon on February 18, Pastor Curtis said that some Christian leaders encourage marriage like it is the highest goal for a Christian. How does this do harm? What is the highest goal of a Christian?
- The vice and corresponding virtue last week were lust and chastity. What are ways that you lean away from lusts and lean into a chaste heart and mind?
- How are you using this Lenten season as an intentional time for spiritual growth?

Read Aloud

1st Timothy 6:9-18

Head: Observe the text and the author's main points

15–20 Minutes

1. What happens to those who chase riches over God's kingdom?
2. What does Paul say to pursue instead of riches?
3. How does Paul describe the holiness of Jesus Christ?

Heart: Envision how the text—when applied—might transform your inner life in terms of your thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors.

15–20 Minutes

1. How has the pursuit of wealth or esteem led you or someone you know to stumble?
2. How does God's holiness as described in verses 13-16 impact your concept of trust in Him and generosity towards others?
3. What does it look like to live out Paul's charge in verses 17-18? Do you think an outside observer would see you as dependent on God and living generously? Why or why not?

Hands: Apply the text by moving from inward reflection to outward action looking for ways to live the text out in our lives to serve others

10 Minutes

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- What limits your reliance on God? Discuss with your small group. As a spiritual exercise, each day this week, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal something that limits your reliance on God.
- How has God surprised you with His generosity? Share ways God has been generous with you. This week write down a list of three ways you can be more generous in your daily life in light of what God has done for you.

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- Make time to live generously in our community by volunteering and supporting an FPC mission partner. Here are two suggestions:
 - One of FPC's priority mission partners, The Landing, concludes its 'Share the Love' February Donation Drive this week. FPC is a collection site, and there is a decorated box in the Welcome Center for donations. For more information, contact Madie Weir, Missions Coordinator at mweir@fpchouston.org. Also, there is an amazon link for donations: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1DRJAL5WJXL6L/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex
 - Familiarize yourself with another FPC mission partner, Star of Hope, on Thursday, March 21 by joining a Local Mission Partner Field Trip from 12-1:30. SOH is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women, and their children. There are many volunteer opportunities to learn about on the field trip. For more information, contact Madie Weir, Missions Coordinator at mweir@fpchouston.org.
- Invite a friend or coworker who seems over-invested in their work or finances to join you for a meal. Ask them what's important to them and share what is important to you.
- Think about who you will invite to one of FPC's Holy Week services.

Reaching Beyond

- Alpha begins April 11. Pray for seekers to be drawn to join this Alpha session and for volunteers to help with it. If you can volunteer, contact Emmanuel Paulpeter at epaulpeter@fpchouston.org.
- Alpha Prayer Requests:
 - Praise God for a recent post-Alpha gathering that 36 people attended; 29 of which are non-believers.
 - Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw the non-believers into a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- What other ways can you bring the gospel to life for your neighbors and neighborhood?