

# Overcoming Mediocrity

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Assignment for tonight:

1. Memorize 2 Cor 10:3-5
2. Outline 2 Corinthians chapter 6.
3. Bring two passages relating to tonight's topic: Winning the Battle Against Greed

Thought for tonight:

"The one who dies with the most toys wins" -- my uncle Dave (an a lot of others)

## Winning the Battle with Greed

**Defined:** "Excessive" desire for;

- More money
- More stuff
- More fame
- More control

### Greed Exposed - Luke 12:13-34

- **The Man** - no pleasantries...he instructs Jesus what to do! Wow! But Jesus stays out of the man's business.
- **The Principle** - be on guard against every form of greed (cf. definition above).
- **The Parable** - the rich farmer: apparently diligent and careful in his business. Planted, harvested, (probably) rotated his crops to preserve and prepare the soil. But there are 3 things he failed in.
  1. Didn't really know himself. He wasn't ready for death - only life.

2. Didn't care about other people - used 6 "I's" and 5 "my's." Never any "they, them, or their."
  3. Didn't make room for God. "...you fool, tonight your life is demanded of you."
- A Series of Truths:
1. Those who lose the battle with greed are characterized by anxiety and a pursuit of the temporal. "Don't..."
  2. Those who win this battle realize their value in God's sight and simply trust Him.
  3. Overcoming greed requires deliberate and assertive action. "Sell..., give..., make..."
  4. Personal valuables - real valuables - are sealed in our hearts.