



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

How would you complete the following sentence?

If I only had _____, I would be really happy.

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How satisfied are you with your life right now?

- Very satisfied—I have all I need.
- Pretty satisfied—here are things I want, but I don't *need* them.
- So-so—I struggle with a desire for more stuff.
- Dissatisfied—I am not even sure why.

List below, in order of importance, the things that are most important to you in life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

How well do your actions reflect the things that matter most?

Believe it or not, the best cure for greed is its exact opposite: Generosity. Like dumping water on a fire, becoming a generous person squelches those feelings of greed. What are some benefits you have discovered from being generous?

How would you rewrite this story to give it a happy ending?

Bonus Parable: The Hidden Treasure

Read Matthew 13:44. What is the most expensive treasure in this world?

What do you think is worth more than any riches in this world?



The Rich Fool BETWEEN THE LINES

Take some time to read the story of the rich fool in Luke 12:13-21.



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What question was Jesus asked before He taught this parable?

How did Jesus answer the question?

What prompted the rich man in this parable to decide to build bigger barns?

What happened to the rich man as a result of his attitudes and behavior?



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Where did the rich man go wrong?

- A) He failed to see what was important.
- B) He assumed he would live forever.
- C) He hoarded his wealth for himself.

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If that is true, what *does* a person's life consist of?

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