Series: Stewardship

<u>Title</u>: When is Enough, Enough?

Text: (Ex 20:17)(Deut 5:21)

- I. This is not News to us or Uncommon to us in Scripture.
- II. This is Not Uncommon for us in the World around us. (1 Cor 5:10) (1 Jn 2:15-16)(Matt 6:19-21, 33)

III. Covetousness Is the Root of all Evil

(1 Tim 6:9-10)(James 2:8)(Ex 20:17)

- IV. The Problem of Covetousness: (1 Thes 2:5; Mk 7:22-23)
 - **A. Covetousness is Deceptiveness:** (Ecc 5:10)(1 Tim 6:7)
 - **B.** Covetousness is Idolatry! (Eph 5:5)(Matt 6:21)
 - C. Covetousness is not a Minor Thing:

Leads to Injustice & Oppression: (Prov 28:20)(Mic 2:2)

Leads to Foolish & Hurtful Lusts: (1 Tim 6:9)

Leads to Emotional Bondage: (1 Cor 6:12)

Leads to the Departure of the Faith: (1 Tim 6:10)

<u>Lying</u>: (2 Kings 5:22-25) Murder: (Prov 1:18-19)

Thefts: (Joshua 7:21)

<u>Poverty</u>: (Prov 28:22)

<u>Misery</u>: (1 Tim 6:10)

<u>Domestic Affliction</u>: (Prov 15:27) <u>A sign of the Last Days</u>:(2 Tim 3:2)

D. Covetousness is a lack of perspective:

(Heb 13:5-6)

V. <u>The Answer</u>: Love God, Serve People, your needs met.

(Luke 12:22-48) Invest in Eternal things! (1 Tim 6:17)

A. When does saving become hoarding?

(Ecc 5:13)(Prov 18:11)(Luke 12:21, 34)

B. What plan do you have for your "surplus"?

(Luke 12:48)

- C. You need balance. (Prov 30:8-9)
- D. You Need Contentment:

(Heb 13:5; Phil 4:11-13; 1 Tim 6:6-10).

VI. Contentment is knowing how much is enough.

(Heb 13:5)(Phil 4:11)(1 Tim 6:6).

- **A.** <u>Life w/o Covetousness, is to be Content</u>: (Ps 37:16) (1 Tim 6:6, 8)
- **B.** Our Perspective can make us Covetous or Content: (Ps 73:25-26)(Phil 4:11-13, 19-20)
- C. <u>Develop a Spirit of Thankfulness</u>: (Prov 3:1-2)
- **D.** Learn to Love Others more than self: (Prov 3:3-4)
- E. <u>Thank God for blessing others receive</u>: (Prov 3:5-6) (2 Pet 1:4)
- F. Choose, by Faith, to be Thankful:

(Prov 3:7-8)(Eph 5:20)

G. Learn to Give: (Prov 3:9-12)