

Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



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“Possessions” - #1 in the series **The More of Less: Finding Contentment in Christ**

**Text Referenced:** Luke 3: 7-14, Luke 12:13-15 NLT

1. What stood out to you about the message?
  
2. Consider the statement attributed to multimillionaire Malcolm Forbes, “The one who dies with the most toys wins.”
  - How do you interpret the meaning of this statement?
  - What does the use of “toys” and “wins” infer about the worth and acquisition of possessions?
  
3. **Read Luke 3:7-9.**
  - How do you think the crowd responded to John the Baptist’s rebuke - “You brood of snakes!”?
  - What do we learn from these verses about complacency in our relationship with God and His expectations for how we are to live?
  
4. **Read Luke 3:10-14.**
  - How do you think the crowd responded to John the Baptist’s explanations when they asked, “What should we do?”
  - Which of his responses about handling our possessions resonates most with you? Why?
  
5. **Read Luke 12:13-15.**
  - In what ways does Jesus’ warning to “Guard against every kind of greed.” stand in sharp contrast to Forbes’ statement, “ The one who dies with the most toys wins.”?
  
  - How do you think Jesus’ implication was received - that the individual’s concern about inheritance was motivated by greed rather than fairness?
    - Why does greed often surface when dealing with issues of inheritance?
  
6. How can we pray for you?