Message Notes 11/22/26

The Antidote: Week 2

- 1 Timothy 6:17–19 (NLT) Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.

- 1 Timothy 6:18 (NLT) Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

- 1 Timothy 6:19 (NLT) By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

- Generous?

- $617.2 billion

- 63%
- 61%

- 0.9%
  - World Giving Report

- Everyone thinks they are generous, but generous is a feeling...

- Spontaneous
- Sporadic
- Sparing

- What if the biggest obstacle to becoming generous is that most of us already believe we are?

- How much is enough?

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- Luke 12:15 (NLT) Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

- Luke 12:16-17 (NLT) Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’

- Luke 12:18 – 19 (NLT) Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”

- Luke 12:20- 21 (NLT) “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

- **The lie:** All I have is for me.

- Pride
- Misplaced Trust
- All I have is for me

- Antidote - Put trust in God and
  - do good
  - good works
  - generous
  - share

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- Luke 21:1 (NLT)

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- Luke 21:2 (NLT) Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins.

- Priority Giving

- $1 - $20,000 **4.6%**
- $50,000 - $100,000 **3.6%**
- $100,000 - $200,000 **2.6%**

- Luke 21:3-4 (NLT) “I tell you the truth,” Jesus said, “this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has.”

- Percentage giving

- Progressive

- $20,000 - $2,000
- $200,000 - $20,000

- When 10% defines generosity, it can become a finish line instead of a trust check.

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