

**SIMPLICITY**  
**December 24, 2023**

**Big Idea: Living simply helps you discover greater satisfaction and significance. (Luke 2:1-7; 9:57-58)**

**WHY LIVE SIMPLY**

1. Living simply exchanges \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ . (Luke 12:15)
  
2. Living simply helps you turn \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ . (Mark 10:45; Luke 12:33-34)

**DAILY REFLECTIONS ON SIMPLICITY**

**Monday**

Read Philippians 3:12-21 and 4:10-13. Paul described some people as “enemies of the cross.” What were they doing to earn such a harsh rebuke? How was Paul’s lifestyle (4:11-13) and focus (3:12-13) different? Paul was not resentful about doing without. He practiced contentment to cultivate a simple lifestyle so he could live a life of significance. He invites us to “imitate” him (3.17). Will you?

**Tuesday**

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. Paul was writing to the wealthy church in Corinth to inspire them to follow the example of the poor Macedonians. What role did living simply play in the

ability of the Macedonians to help people in need? How do v. 12-15 apply to you?

### **Wednesday**

Read John 3:16; Mark 10:45; Luke 12:32-34. What do these verses tell us about what God treasures most? Where did Jesus invest His life, and where can we invest our time, talent and treasure to gain “treasure in heaven”? Do you treasure most what God treasures? Is your heavenly investment account growing?

### **Thursday**

Read Matthew 25:31-46. Like the reading from Wednesday, these verses tell us what God treasures most: people! They also inform us about how Jesus will test the sincerity of His followers. If you are not already doing what Jesus commands here, how could you simplify your commitments and calendar to invest more time in meeting needs and making disciples? It’s not these kinds of works that save us, rather these works reveal that we are saved.

### **Friday**

Read Luke 19:1-10. Zacchaeus was a tax collector who had used his business skills to become wealthy. He admitted that some of his wealth had come through fraud (v. 8b). How did becoming a follower of Jesus change not only his business practices but how he invested His money? Living simply creates more margin to invest.