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**Study Questions**  
**Are You Greedy?**  
**Amos 4:1; 5:11, 12; 6:4-6; 8:5, 6**  
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**Opening Discussion**

1. Have you had experiences in life that have caused you to rethink what ultimately matters in life? Share those with the group.

What is your conclusion about what really matters and why?

2. Are you greedy? Explain your answer.
3. In what ways does greed affect other areas of our lives?

**Bible Study**

1. Read Matthew 6:22, 23. What is Jesus saying in these two verses?

What immediately precedes and follows this metaphor about the eye and the body?

2. Since God sees the whole earth, would He consider us poor or wealthy by the world's standards?
3. Read Amos 4:1-3; 5:10-15; 6:4-8; 8:4-8. In each of these texts, what is God's accusation, and what is His warning?

What did prosperity do to the people in Amos' day?

4. Compare Paul's words in I Timothy 6:17-19 with Amos' words. What is the danger of prosperity?

What are the evidences that we have become greedy?

5. Is it possible to have a sincere concern for people lost in darkness without Jesus and not be generous in our giving to God? Why or why not?

**Application**

1. We would never ask you to do this, but if you were to lay out all your financial records before the group, would you be satisfied that the records reflect you are managing what God has entrusted to you for His purposes? Would you be confident that the records would show you are not selfish or greedy?

2. If you would not be comfortable with what people would see, what needs to change for you to feel like you are managing what you've been given for God's intended purposes?
3. The bottom line issue is not how much can you give away compared to someone else. It's not a contest to see who is more spiritual by who lives on less. Poverty is not a virtue. The question is what would God have you do? What would God have you give? Each individual and each family must answer that question prayerfully before God. Enjoy what you've been given. Be thankful for your prosperity. Be obedient to give as God leads you to give.