Msg. #4 (of 7) Renew – Lenten Series

"GIVE UP SELFISHNESS"

-Go after a lifestyle of kindness and generosity-Selections from Scripture

Introduction:

I. A lifestyle of kindness and generosity is a pursuit. Lev. 19:33-34; Mt. 6:1-4		
A. It is because God this of us.		
1. There are implications with this:		
2. There are benefits with this:		
3. There is a warning with this:		
B. It's a worthy pursuit because it models the character and nature of Himself. Mt. 5:45; 20:15.		
1. God's generosity extends to—the righteous and the unrighteous. Mt. 5:45		
2. God's generosity is part of his veryMt. 20:1-15		
II. A lifestyle of kindness and generosity is a pursuit. 2 Cor. 5:15; 1 Tim. 6:9-10		
A. There are several challenges to pursuing this as a lifestyle		
1. We are prone to and need the sanctifying work of the Spirit to transform us into generous givers. 2 Cor. 5:15		

2. The dangerous	
possessions. 1 Tim. 6:9-10	
a) The allure of money and foolishness, self-destruction (21; Mk. 4:19)	I possessions can result in etion, or both. (Luke 12:13-
3. Our culture's love affair wit	h materialism and wealth.
III.A lifestyle of kindness and genero pursuit. Mt. 19:18-25; Luke 10:3	
A. Being kind and generous will re and ongoing commitments:	equire a couple of important
A lifestyle of kindness and geommitment to loving	
2. A lifestyle of kindness and good commitment to loving	generosity follows our Luke 10:30-37
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