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How do we cultivate
a lifestyle of
generosity?

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Luke 6:45

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

1. DISCERN your heart

- *controlled by fear*
- *controlled by unbelief*
- *controlled by opinions*

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Luke 19:8

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated ... I will pay back four times the amount."

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1 Timothy 6:10

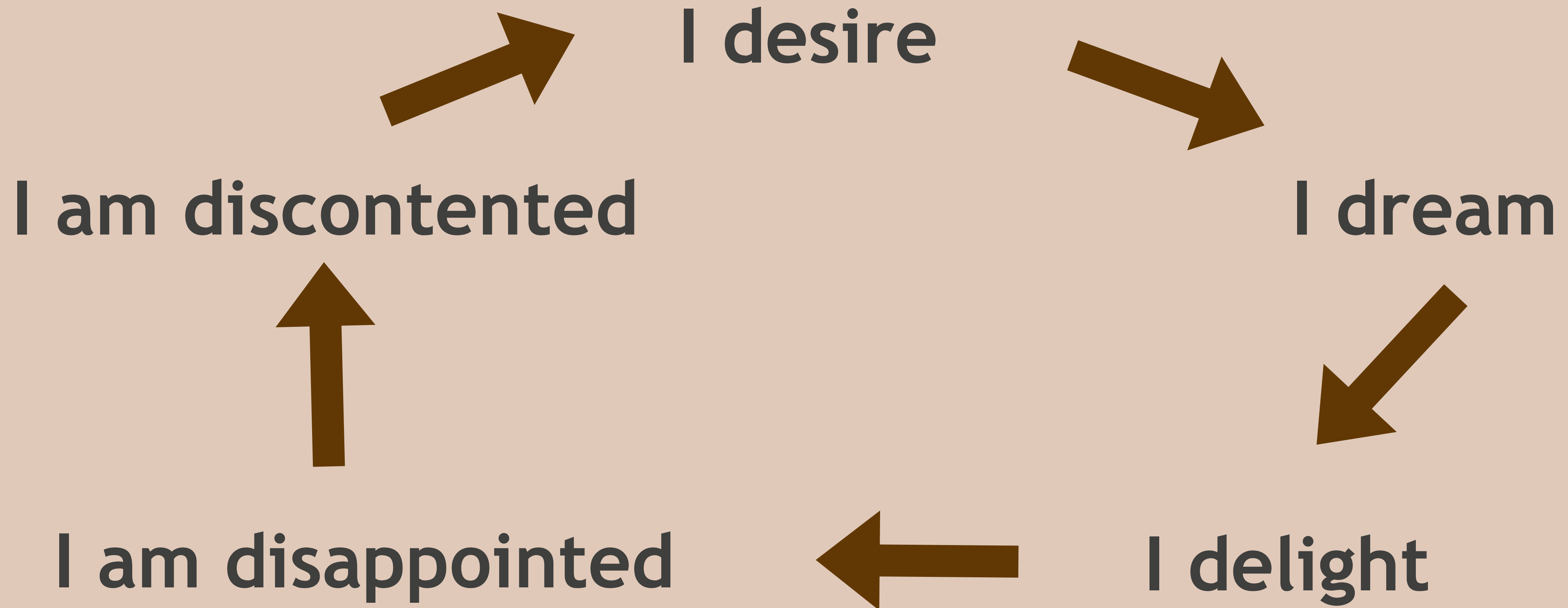
For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

2. DETHRONE the god of materialism

- enslaves not frees

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Ecclesiastes 5:10

**Whoever loves money never has money enough;
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Ecclesiastes 2:10

I denied myself nothing my eyes
desired;
I refused my heart no pleasure.

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Ecclesiastes 5:11

**As goods increase, so do those who consume them.
And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?**

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Ecclesiastes 5:12

The sleep of a labourer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

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Ecclesiastes 5:13 - 14

I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him.

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Ecclesiastes 5:15

Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.

2. DETHRONE the god of materialism

- *enslaves not frees*
- *promises what it can't deliver*
- *steals time & energy*

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Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

3. DISCOVER
that the best
things are
free

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Luke 21:4

All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'

**4. DETERMINE
to be
generous**

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Matthew 14:19

And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.

5. DECIDE to embrace little things

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Acts 2:44-45

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

**6. DEFAULT to
yes!**

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