

# "Greed"

## Is this really our least troubling "deadly sin"?

Are we really not that greedy?

Or are we possibly in a state of denial?

## What are the characteristics of greed?

*An obsession with accumulation*

Storing up earthly treasures

*A compulsion to hoard*

Building bigger barns

## Is it possible that I am greedy?

*How do I spend my time?*

getting or giving

*How do I use my possessions?*

keeping or sharing

*How do I spend my money?*

pleasing self or pleasing God

## A hard, cold truth I'd rather not say:

A Christian who tithes can possibly be greedy

A Christian who is unwilling to tithe is certainly greedy

## Four types of non-tithers present today:

The truly poor: the problem of circumstances

The overly indebted: the problem of life-style

The fearfully faithless: the problem of false security

The blatantly disobedient: the problem of rebellion

*Greed is not measured by the size of my bank account*

*But rather by the condition of my heart*

## Overcoming greed requires a transformation of my heart

Love the Lord your God

Love your neighbor as yourself

## What am I really seeking first in my life today?

*Could greed be keeping me from Jesus?*

## Matthew 6:19-24

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

## Luke 12:16-21

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

## 1 Timothy 6:6-10

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 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.

**The tradition of the seven deadly sins:**

**Seven Deadly Vices**

Anger  
Envy  
Gluttony  
Lust  
Pride  
Sloth

*Greed*

**Seven Heavenly Virtues**

Patience  
Kindness  
Temperance  
Chastity  
Humility  
Diligence

*Charity*



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**Vote for your most "deadly" sin**

Which "deadly sin" do you most need to overcome?

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Voting ends Monday evening at 12 midnight

The "deadly sin" with the fewest votes will be preached on next Sunday

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