

Seven Deadly Sins

Greed

1. what is greed?

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money... rather than lovers of God. *2 Timothy 3v1-2a.4b*

2. why is greed sinful?

For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed... *Mark 7v21-22*

You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. *Exodus 20v17*

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ. *Ephesians 5v5*

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." *Matthew 22v36-37*

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. *Matthew 6v24*

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. *1 Timothy 6v10*

3. a case study in greed: selfish preoccupation - subtle danger - switched values - sure and sudden loss

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.

¹⁷He 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 my surplus grain.

¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain 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 whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."
Luke 12v13-21

Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread.
Proverbs 30v8

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? *Matthew 16v26*

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. *Proverbs 11v4*

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
1 Timothy 6v17

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. *Proverbs 23v4-5*

Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. *Proverbs 11v28*

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6v19-21*

You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.

James 5v5

4. the answer to greed

you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. *2 Corinthians 8v9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1v9

Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed... *Ephesians 5v3*

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. *Colossians 3v5*

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this... *1 Timothy 6v11*

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. *1*

John 2v15

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. *Luke 12v32*

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Luke 12v33-34*

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. *1 Timothy 6v18-19*

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. *2 Peter 3v10*

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek You;
I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise You. *Psalms 63v1,5*