

Definitions of Greed

1. Greed is an intense and selfish desire for something, especially wealth, power, or food.
2. Greed is an inordinate or insatiable longing, esp. for wealth, status, and power - more than one needs.
3. Greed is a sin against one's neighbor, since one cannot overabound in external riches, without another lacks them.
4. Greed is a sin against God because it neglects eternal things for the sake of temporal things.

Greed is...

Group 1: Luke 12:20-21

Jesus told them a story: A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who'll get everything you worked for?' "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

How to Escape Greed:

Group 2: Philippians 4:11-13

I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

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Group 3: Luke 12:13-15

Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.” Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

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Group 4: James 2:15-17

If you have a friend who is in need of food and clothing, and you say to him, "Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat hearty," and then don't give him clothes or food, what good does that do? So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is no faith at all - it is dead and useless.

How to Escape Greed:

Group 5: 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them.

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