

POSSESSION OBSESSION

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*So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you.
Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires.
**Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater,
worshiping the things of this world.***

Colossians 3:5 (NLT)

An Idol or Idolatry is:
**A person, place, thing, or thought
that we look to as **our source, other than God.****

Greed or Covetousness is...

**An unquenchable thirst for getting more of something
we think we need in order to be truly satisfied.
It may be a thirst for **money** or the things that money can buy,
or even a thirst for **position** and **power.****

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

*Then he said to them, "**Watch out!** Be on your guard against **all kinds of greed;** life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." **Luke 12:13-15 (NIV)***

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"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. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

"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?'

*"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not **rich toward God.**" **Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)***

How Do You Keep Greed From Becoming An Idol In Your Life?

1. You give **GOD THE GLORY!**

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Luke 12:16-17 (NIV)

The material blessings of life are either a mirror in which we see ourselves or a window through which we see God. Warren Wiersbe

2. You include **GOD IN YOUR PLANS!**

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Luke 12:18-19 (NIV)

3. You invest **IN THE RIGHT PLACE!**

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Luke 12:20-21 (NIV)

Being Rich Towards God means...

**Acknowledging gratefully that everything we have
comes from God,
and then using what He gives us
for the good of others and the glory of God.**