

MONSTER MYTHS

PART 4

Proverbs 1:18–19 But they lie in wait for their *own* blood, They lurk secretly for their *own* lives. So *are* the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.

Proverbs 28:25 Greed causes fighting; trusting the LORD leads to prosperity.

THE MONSTER: GREED.

THE VICTIM: GREED CAN CONSUME ANYONE.

THE LIE: THE MORE I GET FOR ME, THE HAPPIER I WILL BE.

THE LETDOWN: GREED NEVER DELIVERS ON ITS PROMISE.

THE DANGER: PEOPLE CONSUMED BY GREED ARE USUALLY THE MOST UNHAPPY PEOPLE OF ALL.

Luke 12:15 Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

HOW TO BREAK FREE FROM THE GRIP OF GREED:

1. LEARN TO LOVE GOD FIRST AND FOREMOST.

Matthew 22:37–38 Jesus said to him, “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*” This is the first and great commandment.

Matthew 6:24 “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

2. LEARN TO LOVE OTHERS SECOND.

Matthew 22:39 *And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’*

Philippians 2:3–4 Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

3. LEARN THE JOY OF LIVING FOR GIVING.

Acts 20:35 You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”