

Greed: The Sin Which Holds Back
Luke 12:13-21, Luke 16:10-12, Ephesians 5:3-5
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The sin is not in having more, the sin is being discontent. The sin is not in having wealth, the sin is in what you do with it. It's not the amount, it's the attitude... It's not about what you have, it's about how you feel about what you have. —John MacArthur

- Greed places the treasures of earth above anything of heaven.

Greed's great deception is subtle: "Once I have enough, then I can begin giving. Once I'm blessed with much, I will bless the many. Once I reach this level or have achieved _____ status then I can do what I'm called to do."

- Greed is deadly because it removes God off his throne in your heart.

It appears that according to Jesus and emphasized by Luke, that greed and the pursuit of possessions constitute one of the greatest obstacles for spiritual growth... If Jesus were alive today, he would see the attitude behind the expression 'the one with the most toys wins' as a prescription for failure in life. —Darrell Bock

- Greed is deadly because it desecrates relationships.

Discussion Questions

- a. Has the sin of greed ever affected your life or the life of someone you know? If so, how?
- b. Do you believe greed is hindering the American church?
- c. How do you think giving and tithing can help the Christian struggling with greed? What other methods or actions do you think the person who struggles with greed should take to make sure they don't have a hint of it within themselves.
- d. If a stranger came up to you and handed you \$1000 and then told you, "Take \$100 and bless someone else with the rest." What would you do? Who would you bless?