

19. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

20. What is the result of believing this promise in Hebrews 13?

Proverbs 22:9 (GW) ⁹ Whoever is generous will be blessed because he has shared his food with the poor.

21. How will being generous bring a blessing?

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (GW) ¹ Brothers and sisters, we want you to know how God showed his kindness to the churches in the province of Macedonia. ² While they were being severely tested by suffering, their overflowing joy, along with their extreme poverty, has made them even more generous.

22. Why were the Macedonians generous? Does this surprise you?

2 Corinthians 9:11 (GW) ¹¹ God will make you rich enough so that you can always be generous. Your generosity will produce thanksgiving to God because of us.

23. Why does God bless people with material blessings?

The love of earthly things is a sort of weight upon the wings of our souls – St. Augustine

The 7 Deadly sins Greed

Ephesians 5:5 (GW) ⁵ You know very well that no person who is involved in sexual sin, perversion, or greed (which means worshiping wealth) can have any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

1. How is the Sin of Greed practicing Idolatry?

2. What is the warning against greed?

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (GW) ¹⁰ Whoever loves money will never be satisfied with money. Whoever loves wealth will never be satisfied with more income. Even this is pointless. ¹¹ As the number of goods increase, so do the number of people who consume them. What do owners gain ₁from all their goods₁ except ₁the opportunity₁ to look at them?

3. Why doesn't having money satisfy?

4. What does Solomon say is the point of having things?

Luke 12:15 (GW) ¹⁵ He told the people, "Be careful to guard yourselves from every kind of greed. Life is not about having a lot of material possessions."

5. What does Jesus say about material possessions?

6. What do you think life is about?

Matthew 6:19-21 (GW) ¹⁹“Stop storing up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moths and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust don’t destroy and thieves don’t break in and steal. ²¹ Your heart will be where your treasure is.

7. What does Jesus say is true treasure?
9. What principle regarding wealth do we learn from this?
10. What does Jesus say about Earthly treasure?
11. What principle regarding wealth do we learn from this?

Matthew 6:24 (GW) ²⁴“No one can serve two masters. He will hate the first master and love the second, or he will be devoted to the first and despise the second. You cannot serve God and wealth.

12. Why can’t someone serve both God and money?

Luke 16:9 (GW) ⁹ Jesus continued, “I’m telling you that although wealth is often used in dishonest ways, you should use it to make friends for yourselves. When life is over, you will be welcomed into an eternal home.

13. How can you use money to be welcomed into heaven?

14. What principle regarding wealth do we learn from this?

Rebecca DeYoung, following Aquinas, defines greed as, “an excessive love of or desire for money or any possession that money can buy.”

15. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

The issue is not what you possess, but what possesses you!

Philippians 4:11b-12 (GW) I’ve learned to be content in whatever situation I’m in. ¹² I know how to live in poverty or prosperity. No matter what the situation, I’ve learned the secret of how to live when I’m full or when I’m hungry, when I have too much or when I have too little.

16. How did Paul battle the sin of Greed?

17. How do you learn contentment?

Hebrews 13:5-6 (GW) ⁵ Don’t love money. Be happy with what you have because God has said, “I will never abandon you or leave you.” ⁶ So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What can mortals do to me?”

18. What is the promise that is better than money?

Corrie Ten Boom, once said, “You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have.”