

## **Greed and the Gospel (part 2 – NT)**

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

#### **I. Greed confronted by the NT.**

10 life-protecting truths about the dangers of greed:

1. *Greed is one of man's sinful pursuits because God gave man over in judgment to sin, Rm 1:28-32.*
2. *Greed won't merely lust for wealth, but also for impurity, Eph 4:19.*
3. *Greed is an evil within the inner man that defiles the entire man, Mk 7:20-23.*
4. *Greed goes undetectable to man, who therefore must be warned to guard against it, Lk 12:15.*
5. *Greed deceives man about where life is truly rooted, Lk 12:15.*
6. *Greed trips man into temptation, traps, and menacing lusts which in turn destroy man, 1 Tm 6:9.*
7. *Greed is a root that sustains all sorts of evil fruits, 1 Tm 6:10.*
8. *Greed leads man away from gospel truth and impales him with many griefs, 1 Tm 6:10.*
9. *Greed embedded in man keeps him from God's saving reign, 1 Cor 6:9-10.*
10. *Greed embedded in a professing believer requires the church to protect itself from him, 1 Cor 5:9-13.*

## **II. Greed chronicled through examples in the NT.**

A rich, but very foolish man in Lk 12:13-21. The Pharisees, Lk 16:14-15. The Temple leadership in Jerusalem, Lk 19:45-46; 20:46-21:4. Judas, Jn 12:1-7; Mt 26:14-16. Ananias and Saphira, Acts 5.

## **III. Greed clarified through the NT.**

*Greed is the wicked  
wrath-provoking, neighbor-hating, family-troubling  
heart-generated, evil-propagating, salvation-preventing, church jeopardizing  
lust for gain through deception and lies.*

## **IV. Greed crushed through the gospel in the NT.**

- 1. Though greed is wrath-provoking, the gospel is wrath-satisfying, 2 Cor 5:21.*
- 2. Though greed is salvation-preventing, the gospel is salvation-providing, 1 Cor 6:9-11.*
- 3. Though greed is heart-generated, the gospel is heart-regenerating, Ti 3:3-6.*
- 4. Though greed is evil-propagating, the gospel makes me evil-executing, Col 3:1-11.*
- 5. Though greed is church-jeopardizing, the gospel makes us church-benefitting, Col 3:12-16.*
- 6. Though greed is neighbor-hating, the gospel makes me neighbor-loving, Eph 4:28.*
- 7. Though greed is family troubling, the gospel makes me family-sustaining, 1 Tm 5:3-8.*