

Overcoming the Seven Deadly Sins #1

Overcoming Greed

Text: Proverbs 6:16-19 (NLT)

The seven deadly sins are... pride, envy, wrath, gluttony, lust, sloth, and greed.

Why are the seven deadly sins deadly?

- 1) All of them come from the mind of the Flesh. **Gal 5:19-21a**
- 2) To be spiritually minded is life, to be fleshly minded is death. **Rom 8:13**

Identifying greed...

- ✓ Greed is an attitude. It is not firstly a “deed” or an “action” ...rather, it is a matter of the heart.
- ✓ A greedy heart is never satisfied it is always one cookie away from being happy.
- ✓ Greed has no place in the in the life of a follower of Jesus Christ. **Rom 8:2**
- ✓ Greed is the perfect exact opposite of the life of Christ
- ✓ Greed is fleshy self-centered idolatry. Therefore, it is false worship. **John 4:23-24**

Overcoming greed...

The only way to overcome greed in our lives is to identify it and confront it head-on by consistently sewing the written word of God in our hearts and by walking in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Psalm 119:11 & Rom 8:13**

- ✓ Greed is the heart of the devil. ...give NO place to the devil **Eph 4:27**.

Questions for discussion:

- 1) In what ways is the life of Christ the opposite of Greed? (Gal 5:22-23)
- 2) In what ways do greedy attitudes affect our relationships with our spouses, in our homes, to our children, our friendships, our workplaces and/or our nation?
- 3) How does greed stand in the way of giving our whole self and all that we have over to the lordship of Jesus Christ?
- 4) What are some ways to identify and overcome greed in our lives?

Action Point:

Knowing that greed is a deadly sin... Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in your lives where greed is present. As He does, write them down and pray with intentionality over each greedy attitude. Ask Him to help you overcome greed and get the victory!