

THE GREED BIBLE STUDY

Greed: Excessive desire for acquiring or having more than one needs or deserves.

1. To start the study of greed we will consider some of the conditions that exist when greed is an issue.
 - a. According to Deuteronomy 16:19 what is one form of greed that causes a bad effects? _____
 - b. According to Ecclesiastes 5:10 what is the condition of people who are lovers of money and wealth? _____
 - c. According to Ecclesiastes 5:12 what is the result for people who have an abundance of wealth? _____
 - d. According to Matthew 6:24 what are two masters that people have in their lives? _____
What is the result if people try to pursue both God and money? _____
Why do you think this is the case? _____
 - e. According to 1 Timothy 6:10 what is the root of all kinds of evil? _____
What does it cause people to do? _____
 - f. According to James 5:3 what happens to people who hoard wealth because of their own greed? _____
2. In order to understand the nature of greed we need to consider who is the owner of all things and, therefore, who we are offending when we try to get what we do not deserve.
 - a. According to Psalm 24:1 what belongs to God? _____
What belongs to us? _____
 - b. According to Psalm 50:9-12 list some things that belong to God? _____
 - c. According to Haggai 2:8 what belongs to the Lord? _____
3. Now we will study what our attitudes about wealth and the accumulation of wealth are to be.
 - a. According to Proverbs 3:9 what are we to do with our wealth? _____
 - b. According to Matthew 6:1-4 what should our attitude about giving some of our wealth to others be? _____
 - c. According to Matthew 6:33 what should we seek instead of seeking to become wealthy or hoarding things? _____

What will be the result if we seek what is right? _____

- d. According to Matthew 19:21-24 what is the lesson in the story about the rich young man who came to follow Jesus? _____
- e. According to Luke 6:38 what should we be doing instead of trying to get everything we can? _____
- f. According to Luke 12:15 what should we be on our guard against? _____
What is important about a person's life? _____
- g. What are some important lessons for us found in the parable of the ten minas in Luke 19:12-26? _____
- h. According to Hebrews 13:5 why should we keep our lives free from the love of money? _____

4. The Scripture also tells us about the results of greed.

- a. According to Proverbs 1:19 what is the result of those who chase after material things? _____
Can you think of an example of an application of this today? _____
- b. According to Proverbs 15:27 who else is affected by the actions of a greedy person? _____
- c. According to Jeremiah 17:11 what will happen to things that we have gone after with greed in our hearts? _____
What will a greedy man prove to be in the end? _____
- d. According to Micah 3:11-12 what happens to the people who do greedy things and claim that they are doing them for the Lord? _____
- e. According to Habakkuk 2:9-10 what are two things that will happen to greedy people who have used others unrighteously? _____
- f. According to Matthew 27:5 what two things did Judas do when he realized his greed had caused him to betray Jesus? _____
How might greed cause us to betray Jesus today? _____
- g. According to 1 Timothy 6:9 what happens to people who are driven by greed? _____

5. According to 1 Peter 5:2, when giving the qualifications for godly leadership, instead of being greedy what should people be? _____
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