



No Growth - Greed 1

He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Gain - Proverbs 1:19, Mark 8:36

Riches - Psalm 49:6-7, 52:7

Eyes - Matthew 13:15

Ears - Matthew 13:15

Desires - Psalms 140:8, Ephesians 2:3

What is greed? Greed is the individual's overwhelming desire for more than what they already possess. The danger of being in this condition is that a person can be dissatisfied. When you have the desired thing in your possession, then it is on to the next. The pursuit of getting what you want is the thrill. After that, discontentment sets in because the task of obtaining is complete. The book of Luke, the first part of verse fifteen of chapter twelve, states that we should be beware of covetousness. Other biblical versions have "be on your guard against all kinds of greed." All kinds of greed could lead to different unhealthy and uncommon activities. A greedy person can become selfish. Some become conceited. Greed can channel people to want power over others and control them. Some live empty and unhappy lives. Other greedy people become ignorant

and have no respect for anyone, only themselves.

Greed can slip into any life of a believer and become theology.

Greed is all about acquisition. People in this position do not have to worry about upcoming bills and home or vehicle payments. Greedy people do not need to worry about the necessities of life because they have access to obtain whatever they desire. However, this is where evil motives can begin to slip into a person with no obstacles. People in this position tend to get bored and complacent because they have no more aspirations to pursue, which can be dangerous. Greedy people with no new ideas tend to attract admirers that could lead to inappropriate activity. Remember, there are stingy people who all do the usual repetitive thing to gain. However, this approach to achieve personal satisfaction is so boring that could make the greedy pursuer unhappy.

Does a greedy person have the ability to buy a soul? No. The only thing greed can do is possibly change or control it. In society today, some employers will use their power to manipulate employees without any good reason. Greedy people have the capability of having more than one spouse. Some people will use their greed to harm lives to satisfy their motives.

Greed is all about money and possessions. The goal for those who are rich is to accumulate more, which is the aspiration of greedy people. Therefore, how can anyone think about God or anything else? People with greed do not need anything else but to pursue abundance. The mentality of most greedy people is that life consists of riches. However, in the book of Luke, the second part of verse fifteen of chapter twelve, Jesus states that life does not consist of an abundance of possessions. On the surface, greed may appear to be respectable. However, this behavior can grow over time and lure to covet for more. People can waste their life thinking this next thing will make them happy: the next raise, the next car, or house. The problem with riches is it can enrich you externally but not internally.

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Greed: the flip side of **WE**, no one else.