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Greed = a **consuming desire** for wealth or affluence,  
causing one to think of little else.

Greed = idolatry = **things** become more precious  
than God.

Greed = misalignment of the heart  
that puts its **ultimate trust** in  
the accumulation of things,  
forgetting that only God  
is the true source of security and goodness.

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## Matthew 19:16-17

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked,  
"Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"  
"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied.

"There is only One who is good.

If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

## Matthew 19:18-20

"Which ones?" he inquired.  
Jesus replied, " 'You shall not murder,  
you shall not commit adultery,  
you shall not steal,  
you shall not give false testimony,  
honor your father and mother,'  
and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"  
"All these I have kept," the young man said.  
"What do I still lack?"

## Matthew 19:21-22

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.

Then come, follow me."

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

## Luke 12:15-17

Then He said to them, "Watch out!  
Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;  
life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

And He told them this parable:

"The ground of a certain rich man  
yielded an abundant harvest.

He thought to himself,  
'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

## Luke 12:18-19

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do.  
I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones,  
and there I will store my surplus grain.  
And I'll say to myself,  
"You have plenty of grain laid up for many years.  
Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '

## Luke 12:20-21

"But God said to him,  
'You fool!

This very night your life will be demanded from you.  
Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things  
for themselves  
but  
is not rich toward God."

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## Colossians 3:1-5

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, **not on earthly things**. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**Put to death**, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and **greed**, which is idolatry.

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## Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.

## 1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world.

If anyone loves the world,

love for the Father is not in them.

For everything in the world--the lust of the flesh,

the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--

comes not from the Father but from the world.

The world and its desires pass away,

but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

## Genesis 12:1-2

The LORD had said to Abram,  
"Go from your country,  
your people and your father's household  
to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation,  
and **I will bless you;**  
I will make your name great,  
and **you will be a blessing.**

## Matthew 6:24

**No one can serve two masters.**

Either you will hate the one and love the other,  
or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and money.

## Matthew 5:29

If your right eye causes you to stumble,  
gouge it out and throw it away.

It is better for you to lose one part of your body  
than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

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Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.

Many rich people threw in large amounts.

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said,

"Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.

They all gave out of their wealth;  
but she, out of her poverty,  
put in everything--all she had to live on."

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## 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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