

# SCRIPTURE READING

- **1 TIMOTHY 6:3-10**

- <sup>3</sup> IF ANYONE TEACHES OTHERWISE AND DOES NOT CONSENT TO WHOLESOME WORDS, *EVEN* THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND TO THE [A]DOCTRINE WHICH ACCORDS WITH GODLINESS, <sup>4</sup> HE IS PROUD, KNOWING NOTHING, BUT IS OBSESSED WITH DISPUTES AND ARGUMENTS OVER WORDS, FROM WHICH COME ENVY, STRIFE, REVILING, EVIL SUSPICIONS, <sup>5</sup> [B]USELESS WRANGLINGS OF MEN OF CORRUPT MINDS AND DESTITUTE OF THE TRUTH, WHO SUPPOSE THAT GODLINESS IS A *MEANS* OF GAIN. [C]FROM SUCH WITHDRAW YOURSELF.
- <sup>6</sup> NOW GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT IS GREAT GAIN. <sup>7</sup> FOR WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO *THIS* WORLD, [D]AND IT IS CERTAIN WE CAN CARRY NOTHING OUT. <sup>8</sup> AND HAVING FOOD AND CLOTHING, WITH THESE WE SHALL BE CONTENT. <sup>9</sup> BUT THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE RICH FALL INTO TEMPTATION AND A SNARE, AND *INTO* MANY FOOLISH AND HARMFUL LUSTS WHICH DROWN MEN IN DESTRUCTION AND PERDITION. <sup>10</sup> FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF ALL *KINDS* OF EVIL, FOR WHICH SOME HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH IN THEIR GREEDINESS, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES THROUGH WITH MANY SORROWS.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10

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A large, white, burlap-textured sack is overflowing with US dollar bills. The bills are of various denominations, including \$100, \$50, and \$20 bills, and are piled high, spilling out of the top of the sack. On the front of the sack, a large, dark green dollar sign (\$) is printed. The background is plain white.

# THE NEED FOR GREED

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# GREED

- EVER ASK YOURSELF WHAT SIN THE DEVIL THROWS MY WAY EVERY DAY?
- DO YOU EVER THINK GREED HAS AN IMPACT IN YOUR LIFE?
- WHAT SINS EVOLVE FROM GREED?
- WHAT IS GREED?
- GREED- INTENSE AND SELFISH DESIRE FOR SOMETHING, ESPECIALLY WEALTH, POWER, OR FOOD.



# GREED-LYING

- **2 KINGS 5:20, 24-27-** “20 BUT GEHAZI, THE SERVANT OF ELISHA THE MAN OF GOD, SAID, ‘LOOK, MY MASTER HAS SPARED NAAMAN THIS SYRIAN, WHILE NOT RECEIVING FROM HIS HANDS WHAT HE BROUGHT; BUT AS THE LORD LIVES, I WILL RUN AFTER HIM AND TAKE SOMETHING FROM HIM.’ 24 WHEN HE CAME TO THE CITADEL, HE TOOK THEM FROM THEIR HAND, AND STORED THEM AWAY IN THE HOUSE; THEN HE LET THE MEN GO, AND THEY DEPARTED. NOW HE WENT IN AND STOOD BEFORE HIS MASTER. ELISHA SAID TO HIM, ‘WHERE DID YOU GO, GEHAZI?’ AND HE SAID, ‘YOUR SERVANT DID NOT GO ANYWHERE.’ THEN HE SAID TO HIM, ‘DID NOT MY HEART GO WITH YOU WHEN THE MAN TURNED BACK FROM HIS CHARIOT TO MEET YOU? IS IT TIME TO RECEIVE MONEY AND TO RECEIVE CLOTHING, OLIVE GROVES AND VINEYARDS, SHEEP AND OXEN, MALE AND FEMALE SERVANTS?’ ‘THEREFORE THE LEPROSY OF NAAMAN SHALL CLING TO YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS FOREVER.’ AND HE WENT OUT FROM HIS PRESENCE LEPROUS, AS WHITE AS SNOW.”
- CONSEQUENCES- ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA -ACTS 5:1-11
- DO WE TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT ARE GAINS? TAXES, SALE ITEMS, HIDE THINGS...
- FOR SOME THIS COMES NATURAL--MAKE A CHANGE--



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# GREED- DESTRUCTIVE

- GENESIS 13:10-11 <sup>10</sup> AND LOT LIFTED HIS EYES AND SAW ALL THE PLAIN OF JORDAN, THAT IT WAS WELL WATERED EVERYWHERE
- (BEFORE THE LORD DESTROYED SODOM AND GOMORRAH)
- LIKE THE GARDEN OF THE LORD, LIKE THE LAND OF EGYPT AS YOU GO TOWARD ZOAR. <sup>11</sup> THEN LOT CHOSE FOR HIMSELF ALL THE PLAIN OF JORDAN, AND LOT JOURNEYED EAST.
- AND THEY SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER.
- ROMANS 1:29- <sup>29</sup> THEY HAVE BECOME FILLED WITH EVERY KIND OF WICKEDNESS, EVIL, GREED AND DEPRAVITY. THEY ARE FULL OF ENVY, MURDER, STRIFE, DECEIT AND MALICE. THEY ARE GOSSIPS.
- GREED CAN CAUSE US TO HAVE TUNNEL VISION- WHAT I WANT.
- AND NOT REALIZE THE DEVASTATION THAT ENSUES.



# GREED

- **THINGS TO WATCH FOR WITH GREED-**
- 1) SELFISHNESS- **PROVERBS 28:25-** **THE GREEDY STIR UP CONFLICT**, BUT THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL PROSPER.
- 2) NEVER SATISFIED- **LUKE 12:15-** <sup>15</sup> 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.”
- 3) RESISTANT GIVING- **LUKE 11:39-** <sup>39</sup> THEN THE LORD SAID TO HIM, “NOW THEN, YOU PHARISEES CLEAN THE OUTSIDE OF THE CUP AND DISH, BUT INSIDE YOU ARE **FULL OF GREED** AND WICKEDNESS.
- 4) INSENSITIVE- **EPHESIANS 4:19-** WHO, BEING PAST FEELING, HAVE GIVEN THEMSELVES OVER TO LEWDNESS, TO WORK ALL UNCLEANNESS WITH GREEDINESS





# GREED

- **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- COULD YOU LIVE WITH CONTENTMENT ON THE SAME INCOME YOU EARNED FIVE YEARS AGO?
- IS YOUR GUT IMPULSE, WHEN SOMEONE ASKS YOU FOR MONEY OR TIME FOR KINGDOM MINISTRY, TO FIND A WAY TO GIVE?
- DO YOU BELIEVE—AND ACT AS IF—ONE'S ECONOMIC STATUS INDICATES THEIR VALUE AS A PERSON?
- IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR DAILY LIFE YOU COULD GO WITHOUT IN ORDER TO FREE UP MORE MONEY FOR GENEROSITY?
- ARE YOU WILLING TO FOREGO OR LIMIT TIME SPENT ON A FAVORITE HOBBY IN ORDER TO FREE YOURSELF FOR SERVICE IN YOUR CHURCH?

- **YES OR NO?**

- **I ALWAYS WANT MORE.**
- **ONE CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH MONEY.**
- **AS SOON AS I HAVE ACQUIRED SOMETHING, I START TO THINK ABOUT THE NEXT THING I WANT.**
- **IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH I HAVE. I'M NEVER COMPLETELY SATISFIED.**
- **MY LIFE MOTTO IS "MORE IS BETTER."**
- **I CAN'T IMAGINE HAVING TOO MANY THINGS.**
- **ACTUALLY, I'M KIND OF GREEDY**



# 7 Things God Hates

*Proverbs 6:16–19*





# GREED

- **THINGS TO CONSIDER:**
- 1) **BE CONTENT – 1 TIMOTHY 6:7** FOR WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THIS WORLD, AND IT IS CERTAIN WE CAN CARRY NOTHING OUT.
- 2) **WORK AT IT- ACTS 20:35-** I HAVE SHEWED YOU ALL THINGS, HOW THAT SO LABOURING
- YE OUGHT TO SUPPORT THE WEAK, AND TO REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS,
- HOW HE SAID, **IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.**
- 3) **DON'T FORGET WHY YOU ARE HERE- MATTHEW 6:19-21-** <sup>19</sup> “DO NOT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DESTROY AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL; <sup>20</sup> BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DESTROYS AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL. <sup>21</sup> FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.



Scrooge  
& Marley

