

Seek First: Greed

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Matthew 6:31-34 NIV

31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,** and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Luke 12:29-31 NIV

29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 **But seek his kingdom,** and these things will be given to you as well.

Context of Luke 12:15-21

Luke 10 - Jesus sends out his disciples to _____ them to _____

Luke 11 - Jesus _____ His disciples on prayer

Luke 12 - Obstacles to Ministering in God's Kingdom

Luke 12:13-21 NIV

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 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."

Jesus wants disciples who _____ against all kinds of _____.

Luke 12:15 ESV

15 And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all _____, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

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_____ to have _____, _____

Colossians 3:5 NIV

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and **greed**, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NIV

9 Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men 10 nor thieves nor the **greedy** nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 NIV

9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the **love of money** is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, **eager for money**, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

You must _____ your heart against _____ to be _____ in God's Kingdom.

Luke 12:16-20

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "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. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" 20 "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?'

How do I guard my heart against all greed?

- Learn to listen to yourself _____.
- Recognize all kinds of _____.

Four Different Kinds of Greed (Godonomics by Chad Hoving):

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Luke 12:21

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

How do I guard my heart against all greed?

- Be _____ towards God.

What is being rich towards God?

- Learning to put him _____ in your finances through tithing.
- Learning to be _____ to the Holy Spirit when a _____ opportunity arrives.
- Learning to live off of what you have _____.
- Learning that life does not consist of an abundance of possessions.