

the HOME SHEET

Vices | Part 1 | Greed

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. **-Luke 4:1-13**

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. **-1 Timothy 6:10**

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

1. In the Luke scripture above, we get the sense that the devil is trying to get Jesus to mess up. The devil wants Jesus to trust in his human self rather than trusting in God and tempts Jesus by turning good things into good things gone wrong – things that we feel might fill a bottomless void in our lives. Have you tried to fill a void in your life with things like shopping, eating, etc.?
2. A vice is defined as "immoral or wicked behavior." Pastor Fernie adds that a vice becomes a natural part of who we are, and we don't even realize it. What are some examples of vices you have identified in your life?
3. Greed is an excessive desire, love, or attachment to money. **Remember, money isn't the problem – it's the love of money that is bad.**
 - a. How do you see greed in your own life?
 - b. Do you think having more money will make you happier?
4. Greed robs us of the opportunity to help make a financial difference in the world. What kind of difference could you make if you let go of greed?
5. How do we overcome the vice of greed?
 - a. **Make and use a budget (Proverbs 21:5).** Do you use a budget? How does it help you with your money?
 - b. **Practice Sabbath from consumerism.** In what ways does consumerism have a hold on your life?
 - c. **Giving to a God movement.** See below!

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

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