

Breaking Free – The Seven Deadly Sins

If I Were A Rich Man

Take Home Handout

GREED

"Some of the greediest people in the world have very little but they spend countless hours, scheming and fantasizing and standing in lottery lines, fully convinced that more money would solve every problem and meet every longing in their life." Bill Hybels

How Does Greed Hurt Us?

1. Greed _____ us.

Having more things will make me more _____.

"He who loves money shall never have enough. The foolishness of thinking that wealth brings happiness! The more you have, the more you spend..." Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (LB)

Having more things will make me more _____.

"Be on your guard against greed in any shape or form. For a man's real life in no way depends on the number of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (Ph)

Having more things will make me more _____.

"Those who depend on their wealth will fall like the leaves of autumn." Proverbs 11:28 (GN)

"The rich man thinks of his wealth as an impregnable defense, a high wall of safety. What a dreamer!" Proverbs 18:11 (LB)

2. Greed leads us to embrace other _____.

"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." 1 Timothy 6:9-10

3. Greed leads us to _____ out of our lives.

"Whatever thy heart clings to and relies on, that is properly thy God." Martin Luther

*"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?"
Matthew 16:26*

How do we break free from greed?

1. _____ it is a _____ in your life.

2. _____ its _____.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

3. Learn to _____ God for your _____.

"Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:31-33

"God will meet all our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, Who richly provides us with everything or our enjoyment." 1Timothy 6:17

"The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us." Romans 5:8