

GREED

(What you need to know)

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(Colossians 3:5-6)

The spirit of greed originated from the mindset of selfishness. Selfishness will always lead you toward being greedy. Greed is not the pursuit of attaining more.

GREED IS BEING UNWILLING TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE.

The philosophy of the world only reduces greed to money. However, this issue greatly exceeds money because you can be unwilling to share your knowledge, contacts, resources, guidance and love.

Greedy people will never understand the importance of working within a team. They will never understand the value of being in a relationship. They will never

understand how to work with others to achieve a common goal. The spirit of greed will blind you to the treasures that are stored in other people.

PEOPLE ARE BORN GREEDY.

No one is born generous. Our human nature is to be greedy. Greed is a component of our sinful nature. Psalm 51:5 says, "*We were born into sin and iniquity.*"

When a mother delivers a child from her womb that child is focused on **THEIR NEEDS AND WANTS**. A new born baby does not consider the feelings and needs of other people. A new born baby is selfish and greedy.

They are only concerned with their needs and wants. Babies do not care if they are crying in the middle of the night. They do not care if their mother did not rest the night before. They are only concerned with themselves.

Babies do not have the instinctive ability to share. They must be **TAUGHT** how to share. They must be **TRAINED** to be generous.

They have to be **CONSTANTLY REMINDED** about the importance of giving. Children that are not taught to be generous will end up becoming greedy and selfish adults.

GREED IS NOT DEMONIC, IT'S SINFUL!

Colossians 3:5

There is a huge difference between something being demonic and something being sinful. Everything demonic is inspired by demons. Everything sinful is inspired by our human nature. Many people would argue that sin is created by demons.

This statement is not true. Sin was created by **DISOBEDIENCE**. When Adam **DISOBEYED** the command of the Lord in Genesis chapter three sin was

conceived. Since greed is **NOT** demonic you must attack this spirit in a different way.

Keep this in mind. Everything demonic must be cast out. Everything sinful must be delivered! Casting something out is defined as **THROWING SOMETHING AWAY**. However, deliverance is defined as **LIBERATION AND FREEDOM**.

THINK ABOUT IT! Did Jesus cast away our sins or did He deliver us from our sins? He **DELIVERED** us from our sins. He understood that sin could not be removed from the world, yet people could be removed from sin.

Galatians 1:4 says, "*Jesus gave himself for our sins to free us from this evil world we live in, as God the Father planned.*"

HOW TO BE DELIVERED FROM THE SIN OF GREED

Colossians 3:5 says, "*PUT to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your EARTHLY NATURE: Sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and GREED which is idolatry.*"
The scripture instructs us to "*PUT to death our earthly nature.*"

Greed is affiliated with our D.N.A. Being delivered from the spirit of greed is not a divine decision, it is a human decision. God gave us the power to destroy the spirit of greed. God is not going to take away this spirit.

**YOU MUST DECIDE TO WALK AWAY FROM THE
SPIRIT OF GREED BY WALKING TOWARD
GENEROSITY!**

Here are two ways to conqueror the spirit of greed.

- **PAY TITHES:** Honoring God with the first of your financial fruit will destroy the spirit of selfishness. Developing the habit of **GIVING** honor consistently will break the attitude of greed simultaneously. (Malachi 3:10)
- **LEND YOUR ABUNDANCE TO THE POOR:** When you donate your time, resources and talents to empower the poor you are formulating a behavior that will groom the mentality of generosity. (Proverbs 19:17)

TRAIN YOURSELF TO BE GENEROUS!

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