

COVETOUSNESS/GREED

An insatiable desire for worldly gain.

DESCRIBED AS:

- 1. Idolatry: Colossians 3:5**
One of the things in our lives (part of the sinful nature) we should put to death (deaden, deprive of power).
- 2. Root of evil: 1 Timothy 6:9-11**
The desire to be rich, the focus and effort to be so is a form of greed and the temptation to put it into motion is a root of evil. The word "trap" in verse 9 signifies a net, trap; snare, spring, or pit dug in the ground and filled with sharp stakes and slightly covered over so that when stepped on the victim tumbles in and is taken or destroyed.
- 3. Vanity: Psalm 39:6**
Heap up wealth not knowing who will get it in the long run.

IT EXCLUDES FROM:

- 1. God's Kingdom: 1 Corinthians 6:10 and Ephesians 5:5**
One of many in list who will not inherit God's kingdom.
- 2. Excludes one from becoming an overseer in the church: 1 timothy 3:3**

OTHER REFERENCES PERTAINING:

Joshua 7:11-26: Brings defeat

This is an example of Israel: God said they sinned because they did not obey His command. Therefore, they suffered defeat. He will not bless covetousness.

Matthew 16:19-33

One's attitude toward wealth is another barometer of righteousness. Jesus tells us not to store up treasures for yourself.

Verse 21: Where your treasure is, that is where your heart focus will be.

Matthew 16:24-27

To be His disciple requires denying oneself. Focusing on comfort and security here will cause you to lose eternal life.

Romans 8:5-8

Those who live according to the flesh are controlled by what the nature desires rather than being controlled by the Holy Spirit. That type of life will result in spiritual death and not pleasing God.

Romans 12:1-2

**We should present all we have and are to God. That is our spiritual worship.
Don't get caught up in the world's thinking and patterns.**

2 Corinthians 10:3, 4

Realize the true weapons of our warfare. Be alert and discerning.

John 6:27; 63

**Get your perspectives and priorities right
Flesh doesn't give life...only the Spirit**

Luke 12:15-21

Jesus warns us to be on guard for all greed. He follows up with a parable of the farmer and storehouses to make His point of the consequences.

Exodus 20:17

Is a violation of the 10th commandment

Colossians 3:1-2

Keeping your heart and mind focused on higher things

Proverbs 1:19

Proverbs 21:26