



Design: Is not greedy

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	Spiritual	Experiential	Relational	Instructional
1	Meditate on Matthew 6:19-34; Acts 20:33-35; 1 Timothy 6:6-11. Memorize one or two of these verses.	Serve people around you who have less than you do. Give of your time and resources to support and encourage them.	When you are with friends and family, take time to count God's blessings together and give Him thanks for them.	Study Matthew 6:19-34; Acts 20:33-35 and 1 Timothy 6:6-10.
2	Meditate on Ephesians 1:3-14. Look back on God's abundant grace in your life and give thanks to Him.	Find people who have been richly blessed with success or wealth, and thank God for them. Pray that they would use their blessings to serve His kingdom.	Openly share your difficulty with being greedy with your family and spiritual friends. Invite them to pray for you and keep you accountable.	Study several cases about people in the Bible who are greedy, and observe the consequences of their greed (for example, Balaam or Judas).
3	Reflect on what you have received or lost because of greed in the past. Confess and repent for any greed in your heart, and receive God's grace to move forward.	Practice giving away your possessions, time, and money. Daily ask God to show you one person to whom you can give something simple—a bottle of water, a note, a smile, or an encouraging word. Look for at least one specific opportunity to give a little of yourself, often and always.	Spend time with people who have overcome greed or who model true contentment even when they have very little. Ask them for advice on how they do this, and imitate their lives.	Study several cases of people who are content in the Bible. How did they maintain their contentment? What was the source of their strength? Apply this to your life.
4	Fast and pray that God would deliver you from your greed.	Give your lunch to someone who doesn't have any lunch, and spend the lunch hour getting to know them. Let your hunger remind you that God is the source of all good things.	Ask your spiritual parent or mentor to pray for you and keep you accountable to overcoming greed and becoming content.	Study what Jesus said and did regarding greed and contentment. How can you imitate His example?
5	Reflect on God's beauty and fullness when you are craving something that satisfies you only momentarily. Practice focusing your eyes on God, enjoying Him, and delighting in Him.	Make a list of ten things (possessions, experiences, etc.) that you enjoy but don't need. Give away or get rid of half of them. Now make a list of 50 things. Give away or get rid of half of them.	Ask a close friend to help you objectively take stock of what you love too much and cut things out of your life that you don't need.	Teach someone the parable of the rich man from Luke 12:16-21.
6	Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where it is easy for you to be jealous of others. Pray that God would help you to overcome these areas.	Each time you see something you want, don't buy it. Instead, wait a month and then ask yourself if you need it.	Team up with others to give something to someone. Pray together about what to give and to whom. Go and give, then meet to share your stories as an encouragement to each other.	Do a word study on "greed" in the Bible.
7	Examine your desires before God; ask Him to reveal those that are unhealthy (for instance, desires for money, authority, reputation, position, etc.) Ask Him to deliver you from these desires and replace them with holy desires.	Increase your financial offerings to God by a certain amount for three months. Adjust your other financial obligations accordingly.		Read and study 1 Timothy 6:6-10. Share with your small group or church the different motivations and consequences of greed. What does greed bring to your life?
8	Thank God for all of the good things He has given you – primarily, Himself. Pray that you would be content and at peace with what you have in Christ.	Fast regularly, focusing on God as the answer to all your desires.		Find and read several books on the subject of greed or contentment (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).
9		When you receive something, express gratitude for it sincerely, to both God and the giver of it. Make a list of things you receive and regularly go through it and thank God for those things.		Write an essay on the nature of greed and the blessing of contentment.
10				Listen to sermons, teaching, or podcasts on greed and contentment.
11				Listen to audio teachings on Spiritual Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.
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