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The Stain of Greed

Luke 12:13-21

Series

Stained: The Truth About Sin, Salvation and Sanctification

The Seven Deadly or Capital Sins: The attitudes of the heart from which all sinful action flows.

- ❖ Pride
- ❖ Envy
- ❖ Gluttony
- ❖ Greed
- ❖ Lust
- ❖ Anger
- ❖ Sloth

Romans 3:23 (NIV) — 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

1 John 1:8–10 (NIV) — 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Lessons on Greed From the Rich Fool

*Luke 12:13–21 (NIV) — 13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 Then he said to them, "**Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.**" 16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "**This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.**"*

- ❖ Greed is all about Me!
- ❖ Greed is focused on security and comfort rather than faithfulness to God and service to others.
- ❖ Greed is never satisfied.
- ❖ Greed is blind to eternity and ignorant of judgment.

Contentment is the Cure for a Greedy Heart

*1 Timothy 6:6–10 (NIV) — 6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain.** 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 **Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.** 10 **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.** Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*