

The Grinch Of Giving

Luke 12:13-21

I. The Warning: Beware of Greed 13-15

A. Greed Affects Everyday Life

- 1. A Simple Request**
- 2. A Strong Refusal**

Selfish, excessive or uncontrolled desire for or pursuit of money, wealth, food or other possessions.

B. Greed is Varied in its Forms

C. Greed is Subtle In Appearance

II. The Example: Parable of Greed 16-19

A. Greed Assumes Ownership of Possessions

B. Greed Accentuates Future of Possessions

C. Greed Affirms the Priority of Possessions

Grounding the Grinch

Getting Out Of Debt

Consumer Debt: One of the Major Forms of Greed

- 1. Commit Yourself to Generosity**
- 2. See Yourself as a Steward**
 - A. Recognize God's Ownership**
 - B. Establish a Budget**
- 3. Start "Tithing" – Set Your %**
- 4. Destroy Your Credit Cards**
- 5. Save a Little Every Paycheck**
- 6. Celebrate Your Victories**

III. The Precept: Be Rich – Towards God 20-21

A. Victims are Rationally Bankrupt

B. Victims are Relationally Bankrupt

C. Victims are Redemptively Bankrupt

Generous Giving Overcomes Human Greed

- 1. Carefully Examine Resources Allocation**
- 2. Engage in Kingdom Management**
- 3. Practice Generosity: Now & Future**