

Proverbs: Lessons from the Wisdom of Solomon  
Seven Deadly Sins: Greed  
Proverbs 11:24-28

“He got greedy” is a modern proverb of sorts that we use when people go for a little bit more than they should and things go bad. This kind of greed is easy to recognize in others, but it is hard to recognize in ourselves. We tend to think that greed is a rich man’s problem. The Bible, however, says that it is everyone’s problem, including those who follow Jesus.

1. Greed reflects an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ in God
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3. Greed reflects an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ for God
4. Greed reflects an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ in God

Jesus, through the gospel, now empowers us to be content and generous people. The promises of money are powerful, and they are only broken by the power of the gospel’s superior promises—like the fact that God is for us and “no good thing will he withhold from those who walk uprightly” (Ps 84:11). Believing in that truth is the means to being content and generous.

#### Reflection

Why do we tend to think that only rich people struggle with greed? Why do we crave what we see? We know that we should not spend more than we make, so why do so many of us do it anyway? How would you define greed? How have you hurt others by your greed, and how have others hurt you? What needs to change, if anything, for you to be more content or satisfied in Christ? Have you ever seriously considered what it really means to be satisfied in Christ? If everything you worked for was suddenly taken away from you, would Christ be enough? Pray and ask God to make the sufficiency of Christ real to you.