

PROVERBS

The Way of Wisdom

Greed and Generosity



What is Greed?



Definition: Greed is an insatiable desire for more by grasping, craving, acquiring, or hoarding.

Opening Proverb



“One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.”
(11:24)



“Everyone wants to be Successful,
significant, and secure...but we will
never accumulate enough money to
be any of these.”~ Ron Blue



The qualities of generous or greedy are not tied to what a man has but what a man is.

1 Kings 21



Practical Thought:

Greed creates discontent and a growing desire to do whatever it takes to gain position and possessions.

Characteristics of Greed



☞ Proverbs 27:20
(Ecclesiastes
5:10)

☞ Proverbs 21:25-
26

☞ Proverbs 23:6-8

☞ Proverbs 15:27

☞ Proverbs 13:7 (see
Luke 12:13-21)

☞ Proverbs 1:19

Greed and Oppression



☞ With Wealth comes a great responsibility (Proverbs 22:16, 28:3, 1 Timothy 6:17-18)

Final Thought: 3 Decisions



1 Timothy 6:6-9

1. We must Focus on what God has already given us.
2. We must disregard what we do not have.
3. We must refuse to covet what others have.