

SEVEN DEADLY SINS: GREED

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MESSAGE RECAP

Greed may be the hardest of the deadly sins to admit, let alone repent from. It's the misplaced desire to make life about more money and stuff than about God and relationships. Greed isn't about how much we have—it's about the grip possessions have on our hearts. Jesus warns us to "be on guard against all kinds of greed," because it can take root in both selfish and scarcity mindsets. A selfish mindset says, "I want it, I deserve it, I earned it," while a scarcity mindset says, "I'll never have enough to share or give." Both lead us away from trusting God and toward idolatry. Jesus' parable of the rich fool reminds us that life is not found in an abundance of possessions, but in being "rich toward God." C.S. Lewis' Narnia story of Eustace turning into a dragon shows the danger of greed—it transforms us into something we were never meant to be. Only Jesus can "un-dragon" us, freeing us through repentance and renewal by the Spirit.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
2. Luke 12:15 — Jesus says, "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed."
 - a. What are some ways greed shows up in our culture today that we often ignore?
 - b. How can greed affect relationships just as much as bank accounts?
3. 1 Timothy 6:10 — Paul says, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." How can love for money slowly pull us away from God?
4. The Two Mindsets:
 - a. Which mindset do you struggle with more—Selfish ("I earned it, I deserve it") or Scarcity ("I'll never have enough")?
 - b. What's one practical way you could shift that mindset toward trusting God instead?
5. Application Challenge
 - a. Spend some time this week evaluating your finances and possessions. Ask: Where am I clinging to more, and where can I practice generosity? Choose one tangible way to be "rich toward God" this week—whether through giving, serving, or releasing control.
 - b. Read or watch *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis and pay attention to Eustace.