

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO: Father-Daughter Dance! At Freshwater, March 17th @ 6:30 pm
Volunteer celebration, March 18th right after church, Rainbow Lanes! Bowling!

OPEN IN PRAYER

WARM-UP: If you could have an endless supply of something, anything, what would it be?

RECAP: This Sunday was week four in our series, **"THE 7 DEADLY SINS."** The deadly sin we discussed was **"GREED."** The main point was, **"Greed makes us want more, but contentment has more."** When we understand what greed truly is, we see how opposite it is of what it means to live as a Christian. But worse than that, it can be detrimental to the worship and glory God deserves from us.

1. Take a moment to discuss what from Sunday's sermon encouraged or challenged you.
 - a. What stands out to you the most in how greed has affected the world and the church?

GREED: *Greed is the disordered love of riches or earthly goods. Money and possessions take an improper role in a greedy person's life. Greed sees earthly goods and wealth not as instruments, but as ends in themselves.*

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 *"6 But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. 7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. 8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." --- "17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. 18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed."*

DISCUSS: This will be the only scriptural focus for today. There is a LOT going on in this passage! We see warnings of greed; what contentment is; applications on HOW to work against greed, and more! Take a moment to reflect on the previous section of scripture, as well as the greed quote and discuss the questions below.

1. Share and discuss what from this passage stands out to you most.
2. **Going back to verse 6-8** The best way to consider your level of greed is to measure your understanding of contentment and then your level of contentment.
 - a. How would you describe **"CONTENTMENT"** in our faith to someone OUTSIDE the faith?
 - b. How would you describe YOUR level of contentment in YOUR life?
3. **GETTING PERSONAL: Going back to verse 9-10.** This is a remarkable warning against greed.
 - a. Share anything from this list that describes your experience of greed.

b. Share a specific area of your life where you've experienced discontentment, and how the sin of greed has left you WANTING MORE.

4. **APPLICATION: Going back to verse 17-19.**

a. How would you describe the "good foundation" and "that which is life indeed" in verse 9?

b. There are about 7 different "INSTRUCTIONS" in these verses. What from the list would best apply to your life in an effort to fight greed, and pursue contentment?

CLOSE IN PRAYER: As you close in prayer be encouraged to share ANYTHING you desire prayer for, as well as anything specifically relating to today's discussion.