

## **A Thief Named Greed**

### **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**

“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! **Be on your guard against all kinds of greed**; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’” Luke 12:15 (TNIV)

“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any **kind of impurity, or of greed**, because these are improper for the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 5:3 (TNIV)

**To be “greedy” means ...**  
Ephesians 4:19; 2 Peter 2:3; Col. 3:5

### **Words of wisdom to protect against greed**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **are better than money.**  
Proverbs 22:1

#### **What is better than money and the stuff it can buy?**

- “Better to have little, with fear for the Lord, than to have great treasure and inner turmoil.” Proverbs 15:16 (NLT)
- “Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.” Proverbs 17:1 (ESV)
- “Better to be a poor person who has integrity than to be rich and double-dealing.” Proverbs 28:6 (GW)

2. **God sees \_\_\_\_\_ as better than quick riches.**  
Proverbs 10:4; 12:11; 13:4

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **is better than coveting more.**

#### **What does God expect us to do with what we have?**

- to  
Proverbs 3:9
- to  
Proverbs 27:23
- to  
Proverbs 3:27-28; Romans 13:8
- to  
Proverbs 14:31; 19:17

4. **A \_\_\_\_\_ is better than earthly wealth.**  
“God’s blessing makes life rich; nothing we do can improve on God.” Proverbs 10:22 (Message)

“But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth....” Deut. 8:18 (TNIV)

**Where are my riches stored?**  
Luke 12:13-34; Prov. 11:28