



How The
Grinch
Stole Christmas

**A Thief Named
Greed**

**The biblical term for
greed means...**

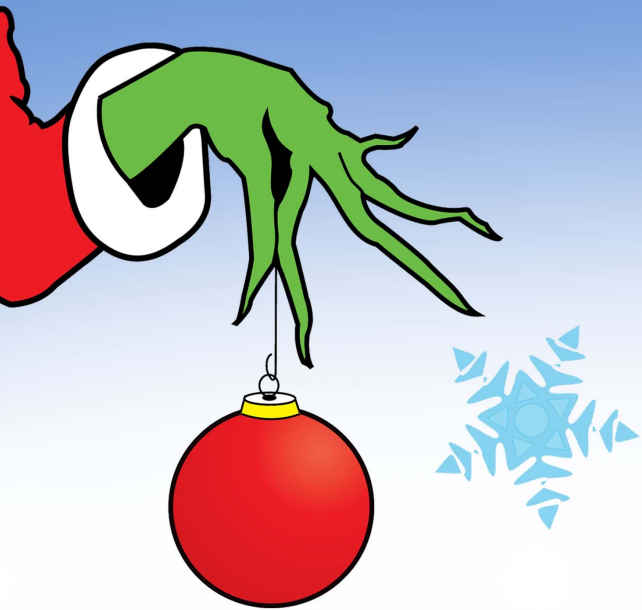
to lust
for more



Martin Luther...

“Whenever the Gospel is taught and people seek to live according to it, there are two terrible plagues that always arrive: false preachers who corrupt the teaching, and then Sir Greed, who obstructs right living.”

*Words of Wisdom
to Protect
Against Greed*



1.

Life's true riches are
better than money.

“A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.”

Proverbs 22:1

What is better than money...



- spiritual discernment



...and the stuff it can buy?

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- spiritual discernment
- harmony in the home



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What is better than money...



- spiritual discernment
- harmony in the home
- personal integrity



...and the stuff it can buy?

Jesus' Warning

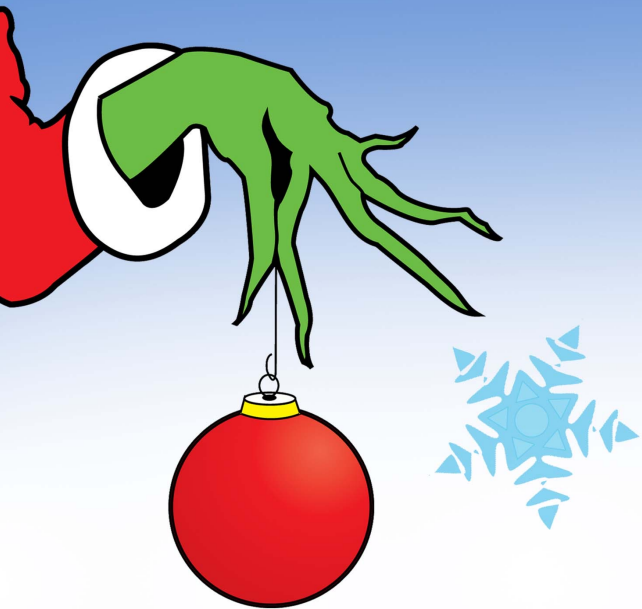
“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.””

Luke 12:15

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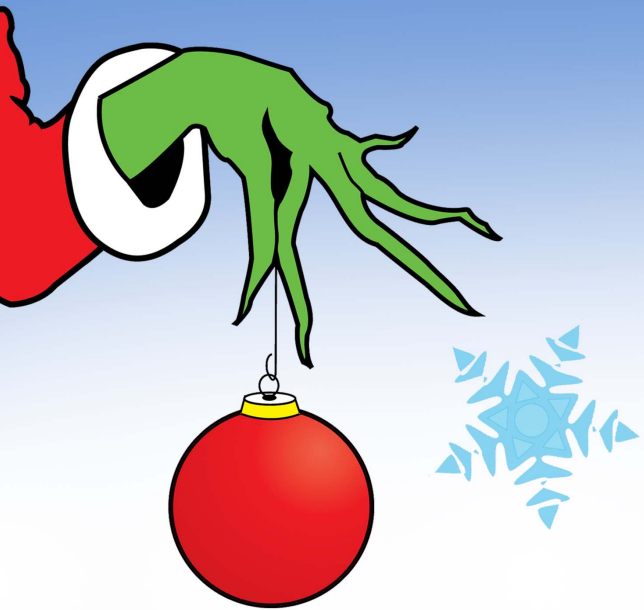
God sees hard work
as better than quick
riches.

“Lazy hands bring poverty,
but hard-working hands
bring riches.”

Proverbs 10:4

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Prioritizing what we
have is better than
coveting more.

“Honor the Lord with your
wealth and with the first
and best part of all your
income.”

Proverbs 3:9

What does God expect us...



- **To** honor him with it



...to do with what we have?

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- **To** honor him with it
- **To** provide for our families



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- **To** pay our debts

...to do with what we have?

What does God expect us...



- **To** honor him with it
- **To** provide for our families
- **To** pay our debts
- **To** help the poor



...to do with what we have?

God's Promise

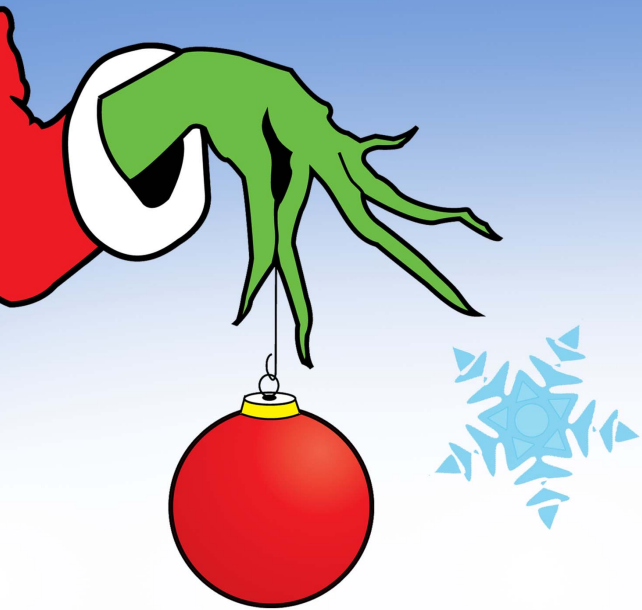
“Mercy to the needy
is a loan to God,
and God pays back those loans
in full.”

Proverbs 19:17

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**A relationship with
God is better than
earthly wealth.**

“God’s blessing makes life rich; nothing we do can improve on God.”

Proverbs 10:22

Where are my riches stored?

“A life devoted to things
is a dead life, a stump;
a God-shaped life
is a flourishing tree.”

Proverbs 11:28

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