

AA8. Guarding Ourselves Against Greed.

We are to guard ourselves against greed.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Luke 12:15

Then to the people he said, "Be careful to guard against all forms of greed, because even if someone is rich, his life does not consist in what he owns.

Ephesians 5:3

Among you there should not even be mentioned sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity, or greed; these are utterly inappropriate for God's holy people.

Colossians 3:5

Therefore, put to death the earthly parts of your nature- sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed (which is a form of idolatry);

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Luke 3:13

Romans 1:29, 7:7

1 Corinthians 5:9-11, 6:9-10

Ephesians 4:19, 5:5

1 Thessalonians 2:5

2 Peter 2:13-14

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Psalms 10:3

For the wicked boasts about his lusts; he blesses greed and despises ADONAI.

Proverbs 28:16

A prince without discernment is a cruel oppressor, but one who hates greed will prolong his life.

Comment

Greed is a selfish desire or yearning to acquire something that is either more than one's needs or that one is not entitled to own. It is a character flaw that sometimes surfaces when one notices

something his neighbor has that he does not. When his thoughts go to taking it from his neighbor, we call it coveting.

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