

Week 6
Greed
Bulletin Study Questions

There is an old "Dennis the Menace" cartoon strip where Dennis is looking through a Christmas Toy catalogue saying, "This catalog's got a lot of toys I didn't even know I wanted."

1. Every day in the news we hear about the consequences of greed. Recall some examples.
2. In the message, Bob described *GREED* as that 'restless desire we attach to some thing.' Explain how the message changed your definition of greed.
3. When and how have you given into this "restless desire"? What was the outcome? Do you see other evidence of greed in your life?
4. It is helpful to know your enemy. Read the following verses about greed. I Kings 21:1-14, Acts 5: 1-11, Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 12: 15. From these verses and the message, explain what you have discovered about the true cost of greed.
5. Psalm 23: 1 says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want." We can restate it by saying, "The Lord is not my shepherd, I shall be in want." How does this illuminate the relationship between faith and true contentment and the relationship between misplaced faith and restless desire? Explain how greed indicates that our trust is not in God.
6. Read Psalm 23 and note all the ways the Lord gives us what we need. What are the modern-day equivalents of "green pastures," "quiet waters," "paths of righteousness"?
7. "Your character is your future." What type of future does greed prepare us for?
8. Describe a time when you have felt God moving through trials or enemies to free you from attachment to this age. To what do you still feel attached (where is greed still a problem for you)?
9. Read Psalm 73: 23-26 and Psalm 145, Matthew 6: 25-34, Philippians 4: 4-9. From these verses and the message describe the blessings of God in our lives.