

“Killing Greed”

Sermon Notes

- **Our culture is awash in a tsunami of greed, therefore our church must be awake to the symptoms of greed**

Greed (*def.*) -

**If God is gracious to our church, then he will increasingly reveal to us...*

1. ...the _____ of our greed (Proverbs 1:19; 15:27; 23:6-8; 28:22, 25)

2. ...the _____ of our greed (Matthew 23:25; Luke 11:39; Mark 7:22; Luke 12:13-21; 2 Peter 2:14)

3. ...the _____ of our greed

**In order to kill our greed we must embrace:*

- the _____ for greed (1 Corinthians 5:9-12; 6:9-11; Ephesians 4:17-24; 5:5-6)

- _____ in Christ (Philippians 4:10-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Hebrews 13:5-6)

- the nature of _____ (Romans 11:33; 2:4; Ephesians 1:7; Psalm 19:10a; Luke 16:11; Ephesians 1:18)

Next Week: Various Proverbs - “Killing Gluttony” - 5th Sunday of Lent

Community Group Study Guide
For the Week of March 26th – April 1st

1. Read Proverbs 30:15-16

- a. What is a leech known for?
- b. What kind of leech is the author warning against?
- c. What is it that Sheol yearns for?
- d. What does the barren womb yearn for?
- e. What does the land yearn for?
- f. What does the fire yearn for?
- g. What do all these things have to do with a leech?
- h. What is the consequence of associating with a leech?
- i. What are the consequences of being a leech?

2. Read Proverbs 23:1-8

- a. What is the ruler trying to do with his subordinate in verses 1-3? Does the food represent some sort of test? Why or why not, and if it is a test, what is being tested?
- b. What is the problem with toiling to acquire wealth? (verse 4) (See Ecclesiastes 5:10-12; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)
- c. What happens to wealth when you set your heart on it? (See verse 5) Does this result depend on whether or not you obtain what you seek? Please explain.
- d. Why would someone be dining at the table of a stingy person as in verse 6?
- e. Why would a stingy host urge you to eat and drink (verse 7)?
- f. The consequences of this meal seem unpleasant (verse 8). Is the problem in the food, or the host? Please explain.

3. Since pride is not simply one of the seven deadly sins, but rather it is the soil in which the seeds of the other six grow: how does pride give rise to greed?

- a. Reread 1 Timothy 6:10. Is greed a rival for pride as the soil in which the other vices grow?