

VICE: Greed

Greed - [MORE](#) & [MINE](#)

Greed goes beyond possessions & involves how we steward our [TIME](#) (my agenda), [TALENTS](#) (my gift, my gain) & [TREASURE](#) (save for myself).

Dynamics of Greed Luke 12:15, 1 Timothy 6:9-10

Greed can [CREEP](#) in subtly.

Greed is a [TRAP](#) that leads to [TEMPTATION](#).

Greed is a wrong desire leading to a [DISASTROUS](#) outcome.

Truth: Life does not consist in the [ABUNDANCE](#) of [POSSESSIONS](#).

KEY QUESTION: Why are we greedy?

- Greed is a result of misplaced [HOPE](#) & therefore is a misplaced [TRUST](#).
Luke 12:19, 22-28, 1 Timothy 6:17
- Greed is an attempt to find [SAFETY](#), [SECURITY](#), & comfort outside of God's [PROVISION](#).

Rightly placed hope shifts our life from greed to generosity.

Hope "is the confident [EXPECTATION](#) of good in the future & is dependent on the goodness of God." -Donald Gowan

Greed unmasks the false [FOUNDATION](#) of our hope & our feeble faith that believes our well-being depends entirely on our ability to [PROVIDE](#) for ourselves.

Luke 12:22-34, Proverbs 28:25

KEY QUESTION: Do you have the things that you possess because you earned them or because God provided?

VIRTUE: Generosity

Hope rightly placed in the God who [PROVIDES](#), frees us up to be [GENEROUS](#).

1 Timothy 6:17-19, Luke 12:32

Generosity is not just giving stuff away, generosity finds joy in blessing others.

Generosity reshapes the way we steward our time (the [NEEDS](#) of others), talents (God's [GIFT](#), my [GIVE](#) for the flourishing of others) & treasure (be a [BLESSING](#) to others).

Generosity: [SUFFICIENT](#) & [SERVE](#). What I have is sufficient. How can I give it in service to God's mission?

Practices that anchor life in a proper hope:

- Prayerfully reflective [GENEROUSITY](#)
- [GRATITUDE](#)
- [WORSHIP](#)
- [MISSIONAL](#) life focus

MAY COMMUNITY PARTNER FOCUS: OPTION 1

Option 1 is hosting a "Baby Shower" for expecting parents in our community. Option 1 works to share the love of Jesus with families experiencing unplanned pregnancies. To assist with needed baby items, our goal in May is to stock Option 1's "Baby Boutique" with diapers & newclothing! Purchased items can be dropped off at the "Give Grace" kiosk or shipped directly to Option 1. Visit gpw.church/option1 to view the list of baby registry items!

VBS: To Mars & Beyond!

June 3-7 | 6-8:30 p.m.

To Mars & Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them.

To register your child(ren) or to volunteer go to our Events Page at:

gracepointwesleyan.org/upcoming-events.html

SUMMER CAMP DATES

Kids Camp: July 8-11 (\$175 early bird registration ends Sunday, May 26) Regular price registration ends Sunday, June 16.

Mid-High Camp: July 15-19*

Senior High Camp: July 22-27*

*Early bird price until Friday, May 31; prices are listed on registration form.

**Register for camps at the Events Page at gracepointwesleyan.org. Scholarship applications for all camps are available at the Info Center or church office.