

THE DEADLY SINS – *Episode 6: Greed*



Team Member Name: _____ Date: _____

Game Strategy – Have we fallen for the big lie that possessing or having things will make us happy? The truth is, men, that happiness comes from being rather than having.

Be ready to take the field for this workout by completing the **Pregame Film Study**. Your contributions to the Huddle Discussion in our workout are vital to our team success. Remember we win and lose as a team!

Pregame Film Study

1. View or listen to the episode referenced above.
2. Go deep with the Scripture References, Coaching Tips and Catechism Connection on page 2.
3. Reflect upon the **Huddle Up** questions below and jot down your thoughts.

Huddle Up – Use these questions for personal reflection to share with your team at the workout.

Warm-up Questions:

1. What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?
2. What is something useful that you learned from viewing this episode that you can apply in your own life?

Workout Questions:

1. What is the sin of Greed? What do you think is the root of greed? Why is that?
2. Greed is fueled by a lack of contentment. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. In what ways can our faith in God bring contentment and squeeze out greed in our lives?
3. Cite some recent examples, brought out in the news that exposed greed corporately. What was your reaction to these findings?
4. You have heard the statement before, "With money all things are possible." What does that statement mean to you? Do you think that you can find total contentment with money, power and things? Why or why not?
5. Just because a person has money and possessions doesn't make him greedy as long as he is thankful. How do the wealthy keep from being greedy? Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. This answer applies not just to the wealthy, but to all Christians.
6. Do you think that it is better to give than to receive? Explain.
7. Sometimes, the more we have, the more we want. Has there been a time in your life when you weren't appreciative of what you had and you wanted more? Explain.
8. How can you teach your kids that having more things doesn't make us more important or better off?

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Team Workout Plan - Watch the Kickoff, Game Plan and Red Zone video segments as a team. Break into huddles for discussion of the questions.

Postgame Recap - Watch the End Zone video segment as a team. Take note of the tips from the CTG team:

1. Hebrews 10:35. Lean on Jesus.
2. Luke 6:38. We overcome greed with the gift of heroic generosity.
3. Fast from the things you want. Fasting, tithing and helping others helps us push greed away.

Complete your **Personal Action Item**. 

Scripture References

1 Timothy 6:6-10
1 Timothy 6:17-19

Hebrews 13:5
Tobit 12:8-9

Coaching Tips

Greed is the inordinate desire to possess wealth, goods, or objects of abstract value with the intention to keep it for one's self, far beyond the dictates of basic survival and comfort. It is applied to a markedly high desire for and pursuit of wealth, status and power.

"Greed is a sin against God, just as all mortal sins, in as much as man condemns things eternal for the sake of temporal things." ~ *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Fasting and prayer help us to learn to be satisfied with what we already have and content in all circumstances.

Catechism Connection

2536 The tenth commandment forbids *greed* and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit. It forbids *avarice* arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power. It also forbids the desire to commit injustice by harming our neighbor in his temporal goods:

When the Law says, "You shall not covet," these words mean that we should banish our desires for whatever does not belong to us. Our thirst for another's goods is immense, infinite, never quenched. Thus it is written: "He who loves money never has money enough."

2537 It is not a violation of this commandment to desire to obtain things that belong to one's neighbor, provided this is done by just means. Traditional catechesis realistically mentions "those who have a harder struggle against their criminal desires" and so who "must be urged the more to keep this commandment":

...merchants who desire scarcity and rising prices, who cannot bear not to be the only ones buying and selling so that they themselves can sell more dearly and buy more cheaply; those who hope that their peers will be impoverished, in order to realize a profit either by selling to them or buying from them... physicians who wish disease to spread; lawyers who are eager for many important cases and trials.

See Also: **2425**

Personal Action Item

Develop a plan of action based upon our prayer and discussion related to the topic. How does the Lord want this topic applied in your life? Keep it simple – one or two action items.

I commit to becoming spiritually fit by...