



Slaying Dragons: Week 2 — “Greed”

CONNECT: If you were given a million dollars and HAD to spend it on yourself, what would you spend it on? What would you do if you HAD to spend it on someone else?

GROW:

1. Are you naturally a spender or a saver? How did the way you grew up influence how you view money, wealth, and material possessions?
2. What stood out to you the most about Sunday’s message? What was stirring in your heart/mind as you listened, or what did you feel inspired/convicted by?
3. The first step we talked about in fighting greed is to *“receive gratefully”* — most importantly, the eternal wealth we have in Jesus and the undeserved grace He’s given us.
Read Romans 6:23. How often do you reflect on that gift? Is it hard for you to remain in a state of awareness and gratitude for it?
4. The second step is *“plan wisely.”* **Read Matthew 28:19.** This command Jesus gave us helps us know how to align our priorities. If you’re comfortable sharing, how much does your mission as a Christ-follower define how you’re using your time and resources? How have you grown in this area, and where do you see room for growth currently?
5. The third step is *“live simply.”*
 - a. More stuff = more stress. How have you experienced this in your own life?
 - b. 10-10-80 is a financial model based on biblical principles of stewardship that we encourage everyone to follow (10% to savings, 10% to tithe, and 80% to spend).
For anyone who already follows this model, what has your experience been like?
6. The fourth step is *“give joyfully.”* **Read Matthew 25:40.** Joyful giving isn’t always easy, especially when money is short or you feel taken advantage of. Where have you run into difficulties when investing in people spiritually, relationally, emotionally, or physically? How do you maintain your joy in giving?

PRAY: Jon said there are two kinds of people in the world: those who walk into a room in a way that says, *“Here I am!”* and those who walk into a room in a way that says, *“There you are!”* Pray that, as a group and as a church, we become the latter.

NEXT: Sometime this week, pray through **Psalm 139:23-24**, and ask the Lord to reveal any areas where a strong desire to want *more* has become a hidden stronghold for you—whether it’s money/possessions, authority/power, popularity/acceptance, physical abilities/attractiveness, etc. Ask Him what your next step is (what do you need to change or cut?) in order to put Him back on the throne of your life.