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TITLE	Overcoming Greed
SERIES	We've all heard of the seven deadly sins, but they don't have anything to do with us. Or, do they? We often don't realize the subtle impact sin has on our daily lives. We need to learn how to recognize it and know how to fight back.

Introduction: In today's sermon, we look at greed and what the scriptures teach on how to view and handle money.

1. What's your opinion? Is greed a lack of contentment, is contentment a lack of greed or are they both something else? Discuss your reasoning.
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:10 What are some popular messages in our culture about greed and contentment and how do you think those messages influence behavior both positive and negative? Where do you think the "love of money" fits into the equation?
3. Read Matthew 6:24-34. In today's message, pastor David identified an internal tension between spending and hoarding. Which one best represents you? How do you think Satan leverages it against you?
4. Pastor David identified a common assumption: *That everything I have or will get is for my consumption*. How do you see this idea played out in American culture? Where would you say it has seeped into your own life?
5. Pastor David said the keys to overcoming greed are simple—contentment and generosity. But does simple mean easy? Why do you think we struggle so much with the two? If you had to identify a cause and effect, what would you say it is?
6. As a group, dig into each statement and corresponding scripture passage. What stories can you share that support these ideas? What lessons has God taught you? What other scripture passages do you find helpful?
 - Isn't dependent on circumstances (*Philippians 4:11b*)
 - Is something we learn and cultivate (*Philippians 4:12*)
 - Comes from the strength of Jesus (*Philippians 4:13*)
 - Happens by perspective (*1 Timothy 6:6-10*)
 - Is based on a promise (*Hebrews 13:5*)
7. Pastor David presented 4 ideas about generosity
 - Give
 - Save
 - Live
 - Share

Rate yourself. Where do you think you're doing well, where are you okay and where do you need to improve?

Conclusion: Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal the areas you should work on and for His strength to respond in faith.