

The Cancer of Materialism

1. The Lust for Much - Greed

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed,...

Luke 12:15 NIV

2. The Lust for Things - Focus on possessions

...a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Luke 12:15 NIV

3. The Lust for More - Gluttony

I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones...

Luke 12:18 NIV

The Cure for the Cancer of Materialism

1. Give Your Heart to God First.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 NIV

Action Plan: Let God be a part of your finances.

2. Practice generosity.

Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 NASB

Action Plan: Practice generosity by giving something.

3. Get a broader perspective.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit....Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3, 4 NIV

Action Plan: Be an undercover Christian.

4. Get an eternal perspective.

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself..."

Luke 12:20.21 NIV

Action Plan: Live as if this is the last day.