



Shepherd Care®

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To Care for People Where They Live and Work

COMMUNITY Care TOPIC

The Greed Gland

A Short Quiz

When an open hand is extended towards you, is your first impulse to see what that hand can supply and give you *or* is it the desire to shake the hand in friendship?

When your you have more than enough, or even when your basic needs are met, and an opportunity presents itself to either acquire more items for yourself *or* help someone else out in need, what do you choose?

Does trying to live within the means of a balanced budget lifestyle seem more like a tight rope walk over a canyon with no safety net below you *or* is it just going through the motions of a normal month's financial management?

Some Financial Motivation Questions

Here are some questions to consider checking our motives and help ensure that you are managing your desires instead of your desires controlling you:

1. Will this action edify our self? Will it build me up? Profit me? Help me personally? Is it good for me for the short and long term? (*1 Corinthians 6:12*)
2. Will the action enslave my soul? Can it bring me into emotional/psychological (even chemical) bondage or addiction? (*1 Corinthians 6:12*)
3. Will this action please God? What would the Lord say about this activity? (*1 Corinthians 6:13*)

Some Things to Consider

- ❖ When we die, we cannot take the stuff with us! "But lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." *Matthew 6:20*
- ❖ Greed actually harms the greedy person! "So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof." *Proverbs 1:19*
- ❖ Peace is Priceless! "But godliness with contentment is great gain." *1 Timothy 6:6*
- ❖ What we love says a lot about us! "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." *1 Timothy 6:10*

Introducing your Community Chaplain

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"Living within the balance of contentment and the desire for more."

"Not that I speak in respect of want for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things, I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
Philippians 4:11-13

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