

C. Have an attitude of gratitude.

*“And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all.”*  
Mark 6:41

*“And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat.”*  
Acts 27:35

D. Invest in eternity.

*“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”*  
Colossians 3:2

*“19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*  
Matthew 6:19-21

E. Bring the full tithe plus offerings to God.

*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.”*  
Malachi 3:10

*“22 “You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces year by year. 23 And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place where He chooses to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.”*  
Deuteronomy 14:22-23

**Falling into sin isn't fatal, but staying in sin is.  
Repent quickly and return to righteousness.**

## SE7EN – SURVIVING THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Surviving Greed

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### INTRODUCTION

A. What is sin?

Sin is lawlessness against God's Word as revealed in the Bible.

*“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”*  
I John 3:4

*“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—“*  
Romans 5:12

B. In this powerful teaching series you'll discover the antidote to the seven deadly sins and how surviving them will help you experience God's best in your life.

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*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”*  
Hebrews 12:1

C. **TEXT:** I Timothy 6:10 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1166/New Test.)

## HOW TO SURVIVE GREED

### I. THE NATURE OF GREED

Greed: Excessive desire to acquire money and possessions and hold on to them.

*“16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.*

*17 And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’*

*18 So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.*

*19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’*

*20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’*

*21 “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”* Luke 12:16-21

Virtue: Generosity

### II. THREE WARNING SIGNS OF GREED

A. You live above your means.

*“The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.”* Psalm 37:21

B. You’re preoccupied with money.

*“He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare.”* Proverbs 21:26

C. You miss out on the blessing of generous giving.

*“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”* Acts 20:35

### III. REPLACE GREED WITH GENEROSITY

The goal is to take off greed and put on generosity.

*“22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,*

*23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,*

*24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”*

Ephesians 4:22-24

A. Know that things do not satisfy.

*“9 So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.*

*10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor.*

*11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.”*

Ecclesiastes 2:9-11

B. Put God first.

*“31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’*

*32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

*33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”* Matthew 6:31-33