

## American Idols

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## THE GRIP OF GREED

(Proverbs 11:24 NLT) *For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.*

- ✓ **Seen in \_\_\_\_\_ but never \_\_\_\_\_.**
- ✓ **Greed – A haywire \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

## A Culture of Greed

- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_

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## God's Greed Remedy

- ✓ **Generosity in \_\_\_\_\_**

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- ✓ **Generosity in \_\_\_\_\_**

(Acts 20:35 NLT) *And I have been a constant example of how you can help*

*those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

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(2 Corinthians 9:6 NLT) *Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.*

## Blessings from Blessing

1. **Grow in \_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Connected at the \_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Effective \_\_\_\_\_**

## Avoiding the Grip of Greed

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **without \_\_\_\_\_**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **and keep Greed at bay.**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **with God makes \_\_\_\_\_ generous with you.**



## S.O.A.P. for week of July 24

- 24 – Matthew 15
- 25 – Matthew 16
- 26 – Matthew 17
- 27 – Matthew 18
- 28 – Matthew 19
- 29 – Matthew 20
- 30 – Psalm 73

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- ✓ Greed – A haywire DESIRE to ACQUIRE.

## A Culture of Greed

- ✓ VELCRO GETTERS
- ✓ TEFLON BLESSERS

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- ✓ Generosity in ADDITION

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## Blessings from Blessing

4. Grow in GRACE
5. Connected at the HEART
6. Effective WITNESS

## Avoiding the Grip of Greed

4. ADMIRE without DESIRE
5. GIVE AWAY and keep Greed at bay.
6. GENEROUSITY with God makes GOD generous with you.