

“Stop IT”

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January 17 is _____ New Year's Resolutions Day

IT is _____

Luke 12:15 (NIV)

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

_____ stops IT.

Greed is a fat demon with a small mouth and whatever you feed it is never enough.
Janwillem van de Wetering

_____% of self-storage renters are now simply storing what won't fit in their homes
New York Times

Luke 12:16-34 (NIV)

¹⁶And He told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' ²⁰"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?'

²¹"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

Money often costs too much. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Greed will try to stop IT with _____

Luke 12:22-26 (NIV)

²²Then Jesus said to His disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

Worry gives a small thing a big shadow.

Swedish proverb

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, Who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

Greed stops IT by causing us to _____.

"A wise man should have money in his head, but not in his heart."

Jonathan Swift

Here is God's Perspective:

you can't take it with you – but you can send it on ahead

Luke 12:32-33 (NIV)

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment but a fool for eternity."

Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.

Albert Einstein

Not only does your treasure tell you where your heart is – Your treasure tells where your heart is going.

Jud Wilhite

Funerals remind us that life is what we give – not what we get.

Money is like manure; it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow.

Thornton Wilder