

Guilty of Greed

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Series: REBUILD

Text: [Nehemiah 5:1-19](#)

Nothing hinders God's work like – division among God's people

Read [Nehemiah 5:1-5](#)

"The most sensitive nerve in the human body is the nerve that runs from the heart to the wallet."

I. THE FOLLY OF GREED

[Philippians 2:2](#) – "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind. "

Financial bondage is **not God's plan** for his people

Ten Ways to Determine Financial Bondage

1. Uses credit card because of lack of funds
2. Puts off paying bills until next month
3. Borrow to pay fixed expenses
4. Unaware of how much you owe
5. Creditors call you – past due bills
6. Withdraw from savings to pay bills
7. You make new loans to pay off old loans
8. You argue with your mate over finances
9. Think about being dishonest regarding your finances
10. Finding it difficult to pay God's tithe to God's house on God's Day

Read [Nehemiah 5:6-8](#)

Money is a wonderful servant but a very poor master

Five Marks of the Bondage of the Rich

1. Has more faith in his money than in his God
2. Has ambitions and goals in life which don't square with the will of God (Read [1 Tim 6:9-11](#))
3. Has a burning desire to get rich quick
4. Compromised moral and ethical obligations in order to make money
5. Searches for reasons not to give when God prompts his heart

"When you fear God, you fear nothing else. When you don't fear God, you fear everything else." Oswald Chambers

[1 Samuel 12:24](#) – Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

II. THE FREEDOM OF GREED

Five Principles to Give Freedom from Selfishness and Greed

A. PRINCIPLE OF PRIORITY – Read [Nehemiah 5:14-15](#)

Nehemiah is giving testimony to the fact that God was absolutely first in his life

"A holy life will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses don't blow horns – they only shine." D.L. Moody

[Proverbs 3:9](#) – "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the **firstfruits** of all thine increase."

B. PRINCIPLE OF INDUSTRY– Read [Nehemiah 5:16](#)

The freedom of finances = W – O – R – K !

C. PRINCIPLE OF INTEGRITY – Read [Nehemiah 5:16](#)

[Proverbs 28:20](#) – “...he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.”

D. PRINCIPLE OF GENEROSITY – Read [Nehemiah 5:17-18](#)

*Here is a vital principle of financial freedom: the way to **get** is to **give**.*

E. PRINCIPLE OF DEPENDABILITY – Read [Nehemiah 5:19](#)

We must depend on Him to have freedom of greed