WINNING THE BATTLES WITHIN

### MARKETPLACE MONSTER





#### COMPARISON CHANGELING





## GREED GOBLIN





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6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

GENESIS 3:6

#### GREED

a strong desire to acquire something more than what is needed

#### COVETOUSNESS

having or showing a great desire to possess something belonging to someone else

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

**EXODUS 20:17** 

28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

MATTHEW 5:28

9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 TIMOTHY 6:9-10

24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

MATTHEW 6:24

13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

JEREMIAH 2:13

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

**EXODUS 20:3** 



#### 1. REPENTANCE

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I JOHN 1:8-9

#### 2. FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

MATTHEW 13:44

#### 3. BE CONTENTED

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

I TIMOTHY 6:6-8

12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

#### 4. BE GENEROUS

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

#### 5. BE A GOOD STEWARD

#### 7 QUESTIONS

- 1. Is it lawful?
- 2. Is this action beneficial to me and others?
- 3. Will it be enslaving?
- 4. Is this absolutely consistent with Christ's Lordship?
- 5. Will this be helpful to others?
- 6. Is this course of action going to be consistent with biblical example?
- 7. Is this going to be consistent with the promotion of the glory of God?

# Our desire should focus on God and the welfare of others