



# Don't Let the Grinch Steal Your Christmas

## Grinch of Greed Gift of Giving

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### 1. Grinch of greed

- What's for me?
- Wanting what others have

*<sup>15</sup> Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."*

**Luke 12:15 NLT**

*<sup>7</sup> "LORD, I ask you for two things. Don't refuse me before I die. <sup>8</sup> Keep lies far away from me. Don't make me either poor or rich, but give me only the bread I need each day. <sup>9</sup> If you don't, I might have too much. Then I might say I don't know you. I might say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I might become poor and steal. Then I would bring shame to the name of my God.*

**Proverbs 30:7-9 NLT**

### 2. Christmas is the season of giving

- Gifts from the wise men
- My Christmas giving...
  - Worship
  - Sacrifices
  - Generosity to others

*<sup>9</sup> After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! <sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

**Matthew 2:9-11 NLT**

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*

**Romans 12:1 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- Follow the example of the wise men and give a gift of worship to God: \_\_\_\_\_
- Shift my focus on getting presents to giving
- Give to \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of myself (my time and energy) by \_\_\_\_\_
- Attend the rest of the "Grinch" series (or watch on our Youtube channel)
- \_\_\_\_\_