

Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson n.2 **06 – 12 January 2018**

Title: **I See, I Want, I Take**

Key texts: ***Gen. 3:1-6; Matt. 13:3-7, 22; 2 Cor. 8:1-7; Isaiah 56:11; Matt. 26:14-16; 2 Peter 2:5-9***

Themes to Explore:

1. From Genesis onwards the Bible teaches that evil has taken a path paved with selfishness, greed and ambition.
2. The Bible unmasks the fruits of greed, shows us its traps and warns us of its consequences in our lives.
3. Learn to be content with the circumstances in which you find yourself, entrust yourself to God and ask Him to have control over us.

B. Learning Objectives

- Know:** Recognize the deceit of riches and consumerism as 'security exit' signs indicating the need to escape to shelter from them.
- Feel:** Practice self-control, or better still the control of the Spirit, over our wants, sensual desires and ambitions.
- Do:** Apply yourself to creating a lifestyle centered on being satisfied with the circumstances in which you find yourself, and on being thankful to God.

C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
 - 1a. Why is greed a short-sighted plan and a trap?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
 - 2a. Read Genesis 3:6 and 1 John 2:16-17. How well do these three phrases (the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life) summarize human behaviour? How do they condition us?
 - 2b. Why are so many caught in the trap of greed, even if they know that in the end it only produces evil?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
 - 3a. According to Gal. 5:22-25 and 2 Peter 1:5-9 what instruments does the Spirit make available to us in order to be conquerors?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
 - 4a. In the light of the texts read above (3a) what emphasis should be foremost in our lives in order for us to be conquerors and to help others?

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