

IN GREED WE TRUST

When is  
**ENOUGH,  
ENOUGH?**

# 7 DEADLY SINS



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CONCEPT OF  
"DISORDERED LOVE"

REVOLVES AROUND THE IDEA THAT  
SIN ARISES WHEN PEOPLE PRIORITIZE  
WORLDLY DESIRES OVER DIVINE LOVE.

ACCORDING TO AUGUSTINE, TRUE  
HAPPINESS IS FOUND IN THE LOVE OF  
GOD, AND ANYTHING THAT DIVERTS THIS  
LOVE IS CONSIDERED DISORDERED. HE

POSITS THAT WHEN HUMANS LOVE  
TEMPORAL THINGS EXCESSIVELY, IT LEADS  
TO CHAOS AND SUFFERING. AUGUSTINE  
FAMOUSLY STATES, "YOU HAVE MADE US  
FOR YOURSELF, O LORD, AND OUR HEART IS  
RESTLESS UNTIL IT RESTS IN YOU." !!!

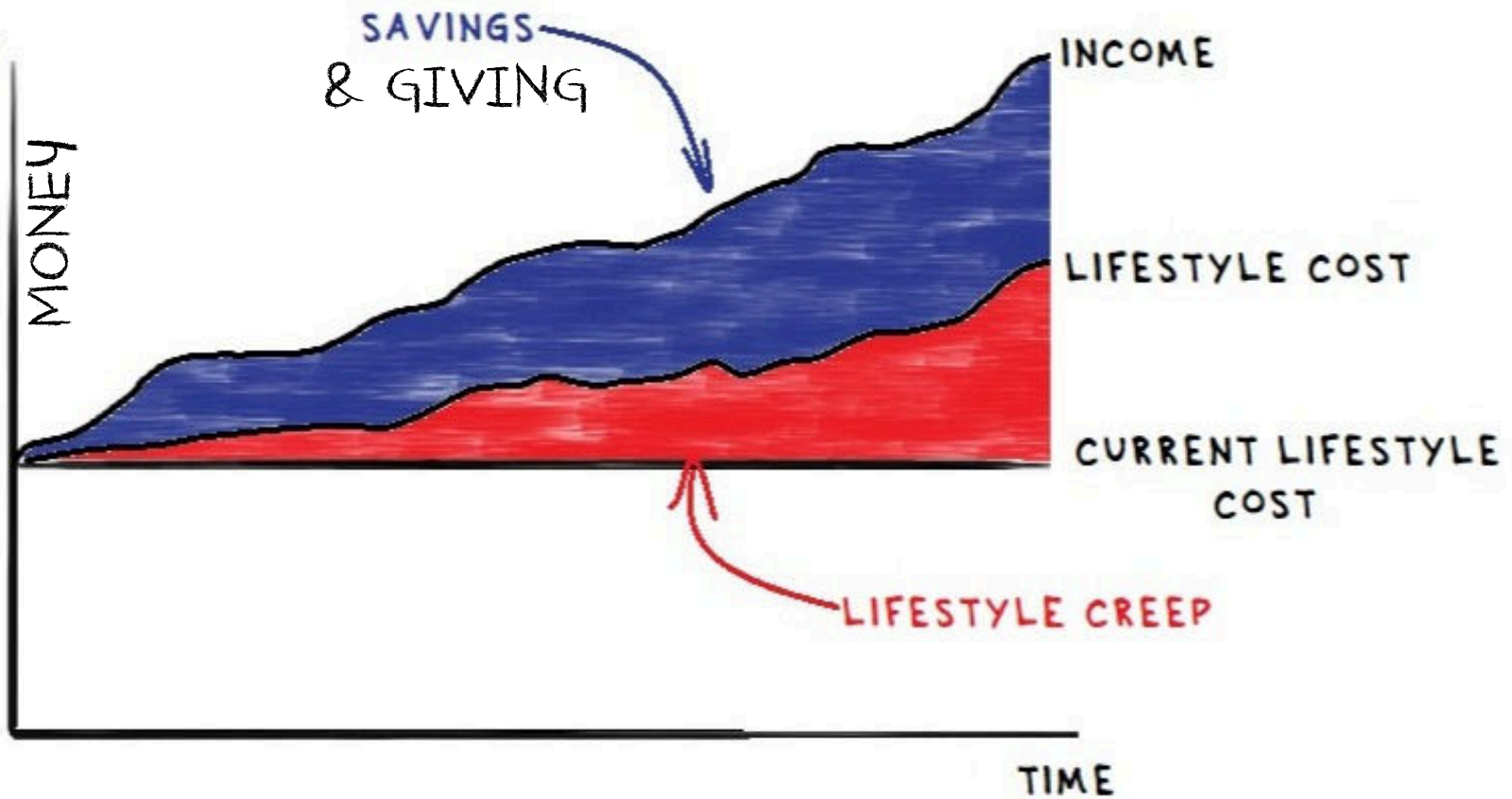
THIS HIGHLIGHTS HIS BELIEF THAT ONLY  
THROUGH PROPER LOVE, DIRECTED  
TOWARDS GOD, CAN ONE'S SOUL FIND  
TRUE PEACE AND FULFILLMENT.

# PARABLE of the LOINCLOTH



# CULTURE of EXCESS

## LIFESTYLE CREEP



Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;

life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

LUKE 12:15

# A DISCIPLESHIP ISSUE



**“When someone steals another’s clothes, we call them a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not? The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor.”**

~ SAINT BASIL

**“HE WHO IS FAITHFUL IN A VERY LITTLE THING IS ALSO FAITHFUL IN MUCH; AND HE WHO IS DISHONEST IN A VERY LITTLE THING IS ALSO DISHONEST IN MUCH. THEREFORE IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN FAITHFUL IN THE USE OF EARTHLY WEALTH, WHO WILL ENTRUST THE TRUE RICHES TO YOU?  
LUKE 16:10-11**

# PARABLE *of the* RICH FOOL

THE  
RICH  
FOOL  
Luke 12:13-21

*“And he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.’”*

*Luke 12:18-19*



# How MUCH is ENOUGH?

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

- Buy good things and take care of them.
- Buy things for their usefulness, not their status.
- Reject buying things that create an addiction.
- Refuse to be propagandized by the custodians of modern gadgetry.
- Be skeptical at "buy now, pay later" schemes.
- Learn to enjoy things without having to own them.
- Develop a deeper appreciation for creation.
- Shun anything that will distract you from the Kingdom of God.

Richard Foster, "Freedom of Simplicity"

# RICH **lowards** GOD

FOR EVERYTHING  
— COMES FROM —  
**GOD ALONE.**  
EVERYTHING LIVES BY  
**HIS POWER**  
AND EVERYTHING  
— IS FOR —  
**HIS GLORY**

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ROMANS 11:36

**“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc, is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.”**

~C. S. LEWIS