88 Greed (*Cupiditas*)

According to the teachers, greed is the inordinate and immoderate appetite for temporal goods.[[1]](#endnote-1) Which, if it happens against God and with deliberation it is a mortal sin. Namely, if one wishes perfection to be enriched. If, however it happens below God it is a venial sin. Namely if one does not want to be perfect except to be enriched.

Again, more concerning greed in Chapter [33] Concerning Avarice (*Auaricia*).

1. Cf. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa theologica* Iª-IIae, q. 84, a. 1, arg. 1: Cupiditas enim, quae est immoderatus appetitus divitiarum. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)