

Michael Douglas: “Greed is Good” (‘Wall Street’, 1987)

[Wall Street](#) is a 1987 American drama directed by Oliver Stone, telling the story of Bud Fox (Charlie Sheen), a young stockbroker who becomes involved with his hero, Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas), a wealthy, unscrupulous corporate investor and businessman. Wikipedia has an article on [the fictional character Gekko](#).

In the clip, Gekko (Michael Douglas) addresses a meeting of shareholders of the Teldar Paper company, which he hopes to take over.

Gordon Gekko: I am not a destroyer of companies, I am a liberator of them!

The point is, ladies and gentlemen, that greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right, greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed in all of its forms. Greed for life, money, love, knowledge, has marked the upward surge of mankind, and greed – you mark my words – will not only save Teldar Paper, but that other malfunctioning corporation called the U.S.A.

Thank you very much.