

Root of all Evil

In today's society we tend to put a high value on money and not much else. People pull scams and rob stores for "quick cash" or stay in marriages because they don't want to lose their most prized possession... money. Ask yourself, how shallow are you if the only thing you want in life is money? It is ok to enjoy money and the many wonderful things it can provide you with, but do you think some days you take it a bit too far? Do you enjoy money? Or do you *love* money? Loving money can leave you open and vulnerable for the many attacks of the enemy. You begin to separate yourself from your family, your friends and most importantly, from God. You hold yourself to a higher calling than the rest of the world... you begin to forget who you are, where you have come from and who helped get you where you are today.

A few months ago a friend of ours asked me "can you handle your success?" I had to sit down and really think about what she was asking me before I could give her an honest answer. Many people associate money with success, and while they can go hand in hand success varies from person to person. For some people success is graduating from college getting a good job and having a nice house. For others it may be having a small business and others, a fortune five hundred company. The point is how do you not let it go to your head. How will you make sure that you don't let the money you make in life as a successful person rule over you? How will you remain grounded *in* your success? You stay grounded through God. You brought nothing into this world and you will take nothing with you when you leave it... except for your faith in God. Materialistic things only last for a season, but God is forever. He gave you what you have and He can take it away if it's not used wisely. Be successful, enjoy money, but always keep God first and don't take your success for granted or abuse the privilege.