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#1 The More We Have, The More We Want, Ecclesiastes 5:10

"He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity."

- Money is not the secret to happiness
- Notice that money is not the problem, it is the LOVE of money, also see 1 Timothy 6:10
- Someone has said, *"Money makes a lousy lover. The more you love it, the less it satisfies. The more you focus on it, the less it delivers."*
- An old proverb says that *"money is a good servant but a bad master"*

Solomon says, “Money Doesn’t Satisfy!”

But We Don’t Believe Him!

We Say,

“But if I had more money, I’d be alright.”

“But if I had more money I could build my dream house, and I’d be alright”

“But if I could get a promotion, or a new position, I’d be alright”

“If I could solve this financial problem, and get out of debt, I’d be alright”

In all of these wishes, happiness depends on happenings!

Philippians 4:11-13

"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content; I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

- Learn not to murmur against God's allotments
- Paul says I am just as happy with a little as with much
- I have found the recipe for being happy:
Trusting and Being in the One Who Makes Me Who I Am!

John D. Rockefeller Agrees With Solomon!

- Someone once asked Mr. Rockefeller, once the world's billionaire, how much money did he really want to have?

He replied, "***just a little bit more!***"

- Recently in the movie about J. Paul Getty titled, "All The Money in The World" when his grandson, J. Paul Getty III was kidnapped, the rich man was asked, how much would he be willing to pay to get his grandson back? He replied,

"NOTHING!"

#2 The More We Have, The More We Spend

"When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see them with their eyes?"

Proverbs 19:4

"Wealth makes many friends, but the poor is separated from his friends."

The Message says, *"The more loot you get, the more looters show up."*

Money (Wealth, Resources, Property) Tends To Bring Out The Parasites And Leeches!

Bankers

Brokers

Lawyers

Tax Consultants

Financial Consultants

Accountants

Household Employees

Bodyguards

Privacy Equipment

Sponging Relatives

(More money means more workers to help make, distribute, and protect the money!)

#3 The More We Have The More We Worry, Verse 12

*"The sleep of a laboring man is sweet,
Whether he eats little or much;
But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep."*

- Solomon has observed that people who work hard and take care of themselves and their families with the basic necessities *sleep well!*
- The wealthy man has too much going on in his life to worry about and doesn't sleep well (can't unwind)
- "Things" don't bring peace but more anxiety
- The rich worry about losing their wealth, and not being "content with such things as you have....." Hebrews 13:5



Much Of The Tension In Our Culture Is Due To Worry Over Money!

What is the Stock Market Doing?

How is my 401K?

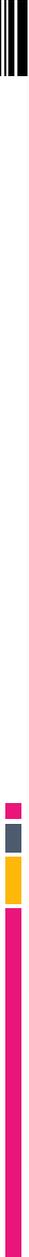
How are sales being affected by the economy?

Do my kids have enough money for college?



What will the I.R.S. gouge me with this year?

How can I get rid of people I don't want?



Do You Remember The Term

AFFLUENZA?

A socially transmitted condition of overload, debt, anxiety, and waste, resulting from the relentless pursuit of MORE

The “Affluenza Defense” - used to defend a 16 year old boy in Texas whose drunk driving one night killed 4 people and injured 9.

The defense argued that this boy was brought up in an environment of wealth and privilege, in which his parents did not place a limit on his behavior, and that he did not know that his actions had consequences.

Observations

- Researchers in Australia posed the question, “If the economy has been doing so well, why are we not becoming happier?”
- Their argument is that affluenza causes overconsumption, “luxury fever”, consumer debt, overwork, waste, and harm to a human being’s emotional environment.
- Their conclusion is that these pressures lead to “psychological disorders, alienation, and distress”, causing people to “self medicate with mood altering drugs and excessive alcohol consumption.”
- The Researchers, who studied Australia, now believe that “Downshifting” is a reaction by many Australians to “Affluenza”- Reduce their income, and place family, friends and contentment above money in determining their “life goals.”



Symptoms of “Affluenza”

- An inability to delay gratification and tolerate frustration
 - A false sense of entitlement
 - Loss of future motivation
 - Preoccupation with the externals
 - Excessive materialism and consumerism
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Jesus Addressed “Affluenza”

“Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist on the abundance of things he possesses.” Luke 12:15

- Life (the good life) is not defined by what you have, or how much you own
- Being rich toward God is living “the good life”
- Work hard and learn contentment with what you have
- Paul teaches that each one should “bear his own load.” Galatians 6:5

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Bird's-Eye View of Chattanooga, Tennessee, the "Dynamo of Dixie", looking from Cameron Hill 123

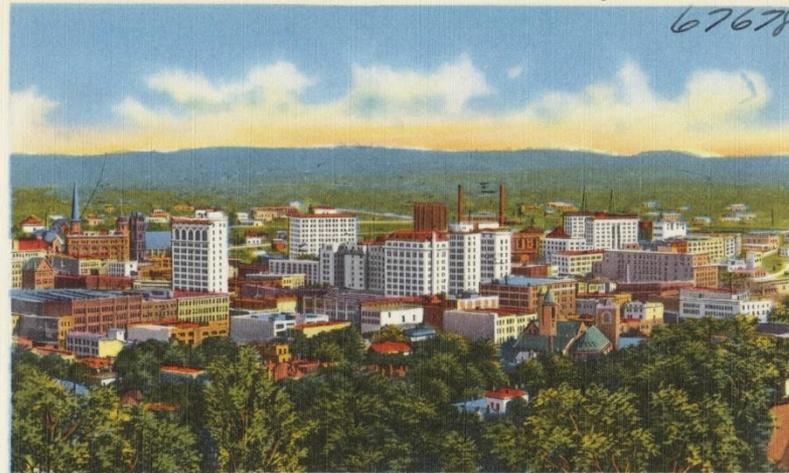


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