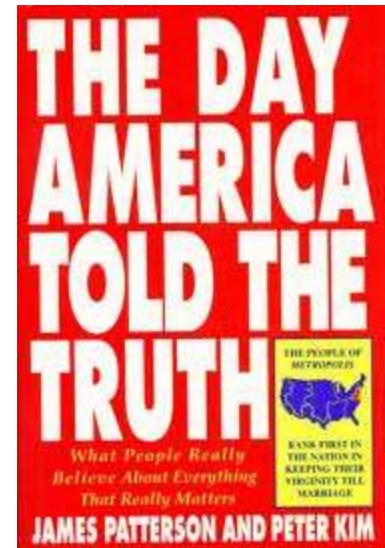


The Greed Trap



What are you willing to do for \$10,000,000?

- 25 % would abandon their entire family.
- 25% would abandon their church.
- 16% would give up their American citizenship.
- 16% would leave their spouses.
- 10% would withhold testimony and let a murderer go free.
- 7% would kill a stranger.
- 3% would put their children up for adoption.



1 Timothy 6:6 Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, **7** for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. **8** But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. **9** But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.



10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. **11** But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.



The Love of Money Has Led To...



The Love of Money Has Led To...

Ruin



“Modern civilization has raised the material level of millions of people beyond the expectations of the past, has it succeeded in making people happier? To judge by the bulk of modern literature, we would have to answer ‘No’: and in some respects we might even have to say it has accomplished the reverse.”

- William
Barrett,
Philosopher



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James 4:1-6 – 1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.



4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.



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Ecclesiastes 2:8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the children of man. **9** So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.



10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil.

11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.



“I always intended to return the things I didn't love, but I rarely returned anything.

I'd look at my bank account and it just seemed like I had a never-ending flow of money that rendered returns irrelevant. I

even started my own fashion blog, convinced that if I owned cute, quirky things, I would somehow develop the interesting, artistic life that I wanted... I became obsessive about shopping, thinking that buying something new would make me feel better about myself and my life.”



- Allison Cintins

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***Pursuing God leads
to contentment.***



**Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"**



***Pursuing God
requires fleeing
the love of money.***



Philippians 4:11 – Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. **12** I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. **13** I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



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What am I pursuing?

