

Steps to Conquering the Love of Money

1. **Agree with God . . .**
 - a. That you love money more than God
 - b. That your love of money is love for self, power, prestige, and security
 - c. That your love of money has power and control over your life
 - d. That your love of money is sin
2. **Seek God for . . .**
 - a. Forgiveness for loving money
 - b. Cleansing from loving money
 - c. Power over the love of money
3. **Submit to God**
 - a. Love Him with your whole soul, mind, body, and strength.
 - b. Place your total security, dependence, and trust in things which cannot be taken away from you (God's Word and the Holy Spirit).
 - c. Transfer ownership rights of everything He has entrusted to you, and let Him make all final decisions.
 - d. Resolve to look at material things from His point of view by:
 - Accepting the love of money as a continuing temptation
 - Translating losses as God's reminder of the futility of riches
 - Learning to be content with food and clothing

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*"For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil."
(1 Timothy 6:10)*

Symptoms of Loving Money

1. Visualizing what money can do vs. what God can do
2. Planning life around financial goals vs. God's goals
3. Relating success to outward gain vs. inward qualities
4. Studying the lives of rich men vs. godly men
5. Delighting more in material riches than in spiritual riches
6. Letting the cares of riches choke out time for God's Word
7. Adjusting ethics to avoid financial loss
8. Sacrificing friendships for financial gain
9. Striving for friendships with rich people vs. godly people (James 2:1-4)
10. Participating in "get-rich-quick" schemes
11. Building family around job vs. building the job around family
12. Working for retirement ease vs. Christ's return
13. Responding to loss with bitterness and lawsuits
14. Transferring faith in God to personal wealth
15. Assuming the right to make final decisions regarding my possessions and finances
16. Becoming the slave of discontent and ungratefulness