

The Pursuit of Money

A film editor once said, "I had this date the other night with a woman who wanted to walk along the beach."

Reflecting on her request, he thought: "I'm wearing a \$1,200 suit, a \$75 tie, a \$150 shirt, and \$200 shoes. It costs me \$15 to clean my suit and \$6 to have my shirt hand-washed. I don't even want to think about what it would cost if I should get a drop of spaghetti sauce on my tie. And this woman wants me to roll up my pants and walk along the beach! All I can think about is how much it's going to cost me if she wants to sit down on the sand. Here's the bottom line that I have to ask myself: Can I afford to wear my own clothes?"

Another man, a lawyer, once said, "I don't think I'm trapped on this treadmill forever, but I'm certainly involved with it right now. It's the old merry-go-round of how much money is enough money? And it's never enough. Three years ago, I thought, 'Just a little more ...' Now I make twice as much, and it's still not enough."



Sad commentaries. Money should be a means toward living a generous, giving life – not an end in itself.

When having money becomes the *only* goal, people not only hoard it, but they close themselves off to genuine living.

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

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