

Do You Love Money?

We Americans do love money. We never seem to have enough of it. Think of all the things that teens want. A stereo, a car, records, plenty of food, new clothes, medical attention when even the smallest thing goes awry, and on and on. One funny thing. We who are the richest people in the world like to tell one another how poor we are. There are so many more things we want that we cannot have. But, that's the way it is with money. The more we have the more we want. We become addicted to money just as a man or woman becomes addicted to drugs. They only difference is that everyone around us tells us that it is all right to be addicted to money. Jesus tells us something very different. He says that we cannot serve God and money.

A minister was talking to a Sunday School class about things money can't buy.

"It can't buy laughter," he told them. "That comes from the soul. And it can't buy love."

•Riches are the least worthy gifts which God can give us ... yet we toil for them day and night, and take no rest. Therefore God frequently gives riches to foolish people, to whom he gives nothing else.

-Martin Luther

Before we can answer the question "How do I use money?", we must face another question: "How do I keep from belonging to money?"

Make Money Not War

STOP WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD A crook broke into a wealthy home and was filling his sacks with stolen goods when he heard a large growl. He looked down to see the biggest Doberman pinscher dog that he had ever seen on the floor beside him. But before he had a chance to do anything he heard a small voice say: "Who are you? Who are you?" He looked around but couldn't find anyone or anything that was saying it and then he moved and the dog just sat there. So he continued to rob the house until his bags were full and then as he was ready to leave the house he noticed a parrot in a cage. As he walked over to the cage the parrot said, "Who are you? Who are you?" The crook looked at him and said, "Is that all that you can say? Who are you? Who are you?" And the parrot replied, "Sic Em!"

"They've properly given me an A in Business, an A in Money, and an A in Power, but somehow an F in Life!"



Ah, not too bad. Nothing here that money can't cure."