

CA7. Not Being a Lover of Money.

We are not to be a lover of money.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all the evils; because of this craving, some people have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves to the heart with many pains.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:2

Hebrews 13:5

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Psalms 37:16

Better the little that the righteous has than the wealth of all the wicked.

Proverbs 11:28

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like sprouting leaves.

Proverbs 16:8

Better a little with righteousness than a huge income with injustice.

Proverbs 22:1

Rather than wealth, choose a good reputation, esteem over silver and gold.

Proverbs 23:4-5

Don't exhaust yourself in pursuit of wealth; be smart enough to desist. If you make your eyes rush at it, it's no longer there! For wealth will surely grow wings, like an eagle flying off to the sky.

Proverbs 28:6

Better to be poor and live an honest life than be crooked in one's ways, though rich.

Proverbs 28:20

A trustworthy person will receive many blessings, but one rushing to get rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 30:7-9

[God,] I have asked two things of you; don't deny them to me as long as I live – keep falsehood and futility far from me, and give me neither poverty nor wealth. Yes, provide just the food I need today; for if I have too much, I might deny you and say, "Who is ADONAI?" And if I am poor, I might steal and thus profane the name of my God.

Ecclesiastes 5:9(10)

The lover of money never has enough money; the lover of luxury never has enough income. This too is pointless.

Comment

Money has its place in commerce, but if pursuing it and owning it dominates our life, becomes the source of our affections, and we look to it for our security over trusting God, then it has become an idolatry to us and must be repented of.

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