



**IDOLS OF
THE
HEART**

**God's Moral Manual
on Greediness
01**

**1 Timothy 6:6-10
Ecclesiastes 5:8-15**



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- **“You shall have no other gods before me.”**
- **“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything...”**
- **(Exodus 20:3-4)**



**For the love of money is at
the root of all kinds of evil.
(1 Timothy 6:10)**



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THE PROBLEM WITH MATERIALISM

1. You never have enough

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Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. (Ecclesiastes 5:10)



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**2. You make bad
decisions.**

THE PROBLEM WITH MATERIALISM

There is another serious problem I have seen in the world. Riches are sometimes hoarded to the harm of the saver, or they are put into risky investments that turn sour, and everything is lost.

(Ecclesiastes 5:13-14)



THE PROBLEM WITH MATERIALISM

People who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. (1 Timothy 6:9)



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**3. You think only of
yourself.**

THE PROBLEM WITH MATERIALISM

**If you see a poor person being
oppressed by the powerful and justice
being miscarried throughout the land,
don't be surprised! ... Even the king
milks the land for his own profit!
(Ecclesiastes 5:8-9)**



THE PROBLEM WITH MATERIALISM

But if anyone has enough money to live well, and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help — how can God's love be in that person? (1 John 3:17)



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**4. You experience a lot
of pain**

THE PROBLEM WITH MATERIALISM

**The rich are always worrying
and seldom get a good night's
sleep. (Ecclesiastes 5:12)**



THE PROBLEM WITH MATERIALISM

Some people, craving money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. (1 Timothy 6:10)



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HOW TO DESTROY THIS IDOL

- 1. Through mastering the spiritual power of contentment.**

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2. Ask “Can I live without more?”

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3. Ask “Can I live with less?”

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HOW TO PRACTICE CONTENTMENT

1. Decide to be content.

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**2. Seek simple ways to
enjoy life.**

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3. Increase your giving

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**“Wherever your treasure is,
there your heart and
thoughts will also be.”
(Matthew 6:21)**



HOW TO PRACTICE CONTENTMENT

The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:25)



**True religion with
contentment is great
wealth. (1 Timothy 6:6)**

