



DEVOTION 11

True or False: Money is the Root of All – Evil DR. ROBERT L. ROSS

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Words are important. A single word added or omitted can change the whole meaning of a sentence. A perfect example is 1 Timothy 6:10: “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil ...” This verse is often misquoted as saying that money is the root of all kinds of evil.

Money in itself is neither good nor bad. The morality of money is determined by the premium one places upon it, the manner in which it is acquired, how it is used, on what it is spent and to what it is given. The danger of wealth is not that we possess it, but that it can possess us, supplanting our desire to live for God and in wholehearted devotion to Him.

Money can also be used for good—to finance kingdom causes, to spread the gospel, to minister to the poor and needy.

When Christians invest material resources in spiritual undertakings, their spiritual life is deepened. Jesus said in Matthew 6:21: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” When one gives to missions and ministries, an even greater heart for missions and ministries will soon follow.