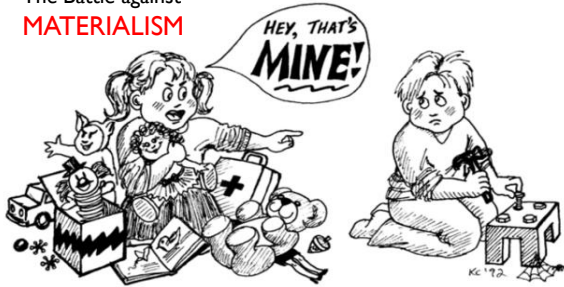


The Battle against
MATERIALISM



AT LEAST AS DANGEROUS AS PORN ~ 20 OCT 2017

“We know that desensitization to sexually immoral images or videos is dangerous to our souls, but are we at all in touch with the effects of wealth after many decades of being immersed in a prosperous culture? How has it affected us? How desensitized are we — especially in light of the fact that, according to the Bible, prosperity is at least as spiritually dangerous as pornography?”

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FLEE, FOLLOW, FIGHT!

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I TIMOTHY 6:6-19

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1. Your perspective of true prosperity matters
2. **Your battle against materialism matters**
3. Your actions towards riches matters

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A. Warning: Keep to rules of engagement!

I TIMOTHY 6:11

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I TIMOTHY 6:13-16

I give thee charge

- in the sight of God, who quickeneth (*makes alive*) all things, and
- before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

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- B. Witnesses: You are not alone!
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I TIMOTHY 6:14-16

That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable,
 until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times
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...who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and
 Lord of lords;

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man
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 whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

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"...who only (alone) has immortality..."

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