

# The Danger of Attachment to Material Things

Material things are used by Satan to oust God from your heart. The demon knows that we need temporal bread and he shrewdly seeks to expand this requirement to make us forget our spiritual food, without which we cannot live. ...

Others, who live for their work, are ready to sacrifice their time for their families, for prayer, and for tending for themselves, just to advance in their careers. Many are ready to sacrifice the day of the Lord to earn a little bit more. Through attachment to material things, Satan causes arguments within families and among relatives. ...

If a person is attached to money, Satan can use him for any crime. ... Woe to the one who does not know how to say “no” to money, whenever justice and dignity require it! Consider the danger of eternal perdition that accompanies the death of one who has dedicated his life to accumulation of riches, with no thought of enriching himself before God with the merits of good deeds. The demon leads the lover of wealth to the threshold of eternity with a heart attached to false treasures that will desert him, while in his soul faith in God and the hope of eternal life are extinguished.

With the material things he offers you, Satan steals you away from God and from Paradise. With an unattached and trusting heart, you would have daily received everything necessary from the providence of the celestial Father.



## The Importance of Prayer

Satan seeks to disarm you before every temptation. He does this by taking away from you the only instrument that enables you to defeat him: prayer. ... If the day is not illuminated and warmed by prayer, then you are at the mercy of the seducer, who will do with you as he wishes.

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Thank you, Fr. Glenn for a great Parish Mission!