MONEY

The recent offering of Power Ball Lottery reminded me of the enticement of money to make people rich, with 1.5 billion dollars in its offering. Lottery tickets were being sold at breakneck speed, because people desired to be rich.

There is nothing wrong with money. We all use it in one form or another and most wish they had more. Some misquote scripture by saying, “money is the root of all evil.” What the scripture really says is, “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.” (1 Tim. 6:10) It is the LOVE of money!

Money is desired for a lot of reasons. I know people who have a lot of money, have made a lot of money, and that have done good with the money they have made. But they haven’t succumbed to the LOVE of it. Now that is the difference.

It is difficult, evidently, to resist the love of money. Money is power! And men love power. “Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” Someone once said. It is the power that causes people to love the money.

And that is a big problem. The Bible gives several warnings about money. The Pharisees were “lovers of money” (Luke 16:14). “Lovers of money” were not to be appointed as elders in the church (1 Tim. 3:3). Plus those who love money will also be “boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,” (2 Tim 3:2).

How many will be lost because they fall into this trap?

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