

The “pull of more” will always drag you down!

Ephesians 4:4-8 NLT

Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors.

But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

“Fools fold their idle hands, leading them to ruin.”

And yet, “Better to have one handful with quietness than two handfuls with hard work and chasing the wind.”

I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, “Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?” It is all so meaningless and depressing.

How to limit the pull of more...

Never trade self for stuff!

Mark 8:36 NLT

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?

Matthew 6:21 NIV

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Use money, never chase money!

1 Timothy 6:9-10 NLT

But 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. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Enjoy what you have, never be envious of what you don't!

Ecclesiastes 5:18-19 NLT

Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.