

ADDICTED TO STUFF?

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Exodus 32:1-24

Moses said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

"Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

Exodus 32:21-24

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

1) Materialism leads to Destruction of your _____

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:13-15

2) Materialism leads to Destruction of your _____

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant.

1 Timothy 6:17

3) Materialism leads to Destruction of your _____

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1 Timothy 6:10

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Luke 16:13

When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.

And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it...

Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

...Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

Exodus 32:19-20, 25-27, 29

An "idol" Test

	God	-----	Money/Stuff		
What do I find myself thinking about most?	1	2	3	4	5
What do I fear losing most?	1	2	3	4	5
What makes me feel like "I'm somebody"?	1	2	3	4	5
What makes me feel secure?	1	2	3	4	5
What do I want to be known for?	1	2	3	4	5
What causes my emotions to go up/down?	1	2	3	4	5
What would others say is important to me?	1	2	3	4	5
What gets more of my time and effort?	1	2	3	4	5