

GREED FOR MONEY DESTROYS OUR WORLD.

Aims of this exercise

- ✓ *To realize that wars, famines, economical recessions, violence, ecological destruction, and other social evils plaguing our world are the offspring of man's greed for money*
- ✓ *To realize also that when we act greedy we become blind to our neighbors sufferings*
- ✓ *To encourage one and all to fight corruption at all levels and stop all practices and transactions undertaken solely for the sake of money*

GREEDY FOR MONEY CAUSE OF ALL EVILS

Some underworld kingpins met together to discuss their business: One said; "I am a drug dealer and a pusher. I make lots of money. Whites and blacks, nationals and foreigners, young and old, literate and illiterate come to me for a fix. In color and appearance, they look different, but to me money looks the same.

An alcohol dealer remarked: "I supply intoxicating drinks to whites and blacks, nationals and foreigners, young and old, literate and illiterate. Yes, all of them look different but to me all money looks the same"

A third one remarked: "I am running a chain of houses - so called of ill fame - for whites and blacks, nationals and foreigners, young and old, literate and illiterate. All come to me for pleasure. It's true, my customers look different from one another but to me all money looks the same.

A fourth one said: "I am an arms dealer. I make most money by smuggling weapons of death to rich and poor countries, developed and underdeveloped nations, blacks and whites, terrorists and patriots, It's true, my customers look different, they speak different languages and fight opposite causes, yet to me, all money looks the same.

Callously, all of them agreed and with a sinister laughter said: "We don't care for people, or who our customers are, how they look like, nor for their problems; their woes, least of all, for their lives and happiness, all we want is their money.

After all, money is the all important question!

Thoughts for Reflection

- Anyone gripped by greed, like smugglers and pushers do not care for human life, happiness or human rights.
- In the world at large, money is the idol we worship, to which we sacrifice our brothers and sisters.
- Our greed for money is the main cause of all social evils: alcoholism, drug addiction, prostitution, pornography, child abuse, violence, murders, petty wars, etc.

- For money's sake, we exploit our neighbor's human weakness, literally pushing our brothers and sisters to their graves..
- Unfortunately, it's not only the professional evil doers like smugglers and pushers that are the cause of the world's evils; we too, every time we are motivated by greed, worsen the evils of our world.
- Without our realizing it, we have imbibed the spirit of greed that floods the world

Dwell in the following Sentences

- We make ourselves prisoners of the Golden Cages our Greed Fabricates.
- Gilded eyes cannot see God or neighbor
- There is enough wealth in the world for everybody's need, but not for everybody's greed.
- Gold clasping hands cannot help others or self.
- We are born with clenched fists, we die with open hands.
- No one can swim to the shores of eternity loaded with gold.
- To gain heaven's treasures, we have to be ready to lose our earthly wealth
- A gilded heart cannot enjoy a peaceful life..
- The glitter of gold blinds us to see others..

Stop and Question Yourself

1. What are the things in which do you spend most of your time and money?
2. Proportionally, how much do you spend on others?
3. How much do you over worry about finances?
4. How much time do you spend in not profitable activities?
5. Do you consider money and wealth as the first priority to live a peaceful and contented life?
6. Could you live with less wealth and be more at ease with yourself and others?
7. Have you ever betrayed God, your conscience and others for the sake of money?

A Chinese Fable. Money and Wealth Blind Us

There was a greedy man.

Once, when he entered a jewelry shop, he saw a lot of glittering gold on one of the counters.

He went straight away to that counter and in full view of all the by-standers grabbed the gold and made off.

At the gate of the shop the guard stopped him and asked him:

“How could you steal the gold when everybody was looking at you?”

“When I saw the gold” he replied, **”I saw no one! All I saw was gold!”**