

"The Love of Money is the root of all evil."

The full quotation from St. Paul's letter (1:10 Timothy) is: "Having food (diatrophe - sustenance) and raiment (skepasma), let us therewith be content. But they that would be rich (plousios - of possessions) fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all evil' (kakos); which, while some coveted after, they have erred from faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

The word translated as 'love of money' is philarguria and it means avarice or obsession over money and Paul is trying to make it clear that focusing on financial wealth over all other things can be harmful to the soul. However, he doesn't say that money should be hated or despised. The word translated as 'evil' is an appalling translation. The word used for 'evil' in the whole of the rest of the New Testament is 'poneros.' Here, the word is 'kakos.' Kak. Crap.

So Paul is saying 'obsession with money is A root of all the crap in your life...'

It's also worth noting the words for food and raiment (*diatrophe and skepasma*) mean 'a sufficient supply of that which nurtures and sustains us' and 'all the coverings, clothing, shelter etc'. that we need including sufficient for the four pilgrimage trips taken to Jerusalem for the festivals.

So, basically, he's saying 'if you have enough for your mortgage, your bills, the utilities, clothing, transport and four holidays a year, don't seek after money for its own sake... or you could be in danger of losing your focus and making your life suck.'