

# Is too much money a bad thing?

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It is a common saying that money cannot buy happiness despite the romanticized idea that happiness can bring bread to the table. However, many hold the belief that money makes the world go round. I am somehow convinced that too much money is not always a bad thing.

In this materialistic world today, lifestyles are completely different from those a mere generation ago. I was born into a world where money is a means to a better life. From the moment I was born, money meant better healthcare and protection against preventable diseases. Considering the starving children born in third-world countries, money is an equivalent to a longer life. In this sort of dog-eat-dog society, climbing up the social ladder allows almost unlimited access to the most basic necessities. Even nonprofit organizations aiming to provide relief to

disaster victims cannot do so without the help of the universal language - money.

Education is another matter of concern. Parents who have more money can afford to send their children to the best institutes anywhere, which are mostly costly and exclusive. Tertiary, and sometimes secondary education, is seldom available for the unfortunate, and scholarships are rarely open to even one out of the thousands of brilliant minds that could potentially save the world but are trapped in an unending cycle of poverty.

Too much money is neither always good nor always evil. For instance, good deeds of philanthropy are what a wealthy person is capable of. Without the help of donations, the scale of destruction caused by natural calamities would further widen. Of course, corruption is one of the disadvantages that wealth can bring, as human desire and greed often factor into unforgivable acts. Selfishness and refusal to hear the cries for help is what can be seen as the dark side of money.

In conclusion, wealth is power today; like power, money can be used wisely for the greater good, or destructively if self-interest is the only concern. Money is, in fact, a double-edged sword that can both save and destroy lives, and should, therefore, always be used with great caution.

