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Money alone can't buy you happiness

The obsession with making money can alter your thinking and even kill your morals.



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It is generally believed that more wealth leads to more happiness. For most of us, money has been a constant pursuit ever since we stepped out of college and started working. We have come to believe that once we have enough wealth, we can do anything we want and lead a happy life. But we must also ask ourselves whether it is really money or happiness that we truly desire.

If more money brings more happiness, billionaires would be the happiest people on earth. If you read about their lives, you will discover that most of them came from humble backgrounds and worked their way to achieve success. But over time, many of them felt that they worked hard to achieve things they didn't need



or had wished for. A lot of us are doing the same thing without realising that wealth alone can't make us happy. A recent research reveals that one of the biggest fears of the wealthiest people is that their money is killing the drive and ambition of their chil-

dren. The study also found out that wealthy families have the most to fear from the third-generation family members when it comes to losing their inherited money. If the children get everything served to them on a platter and never get to see the hard work that goes into creating that wealth, they will hardly make judicious choices in spending that money. Most descendants of nawabs or royal families of yesteryears are in abject poverty today. They inherited a lot of money but did not know how to manage it. Pursuit of money alone never leads to happiness or satisfaction. It can kill the entire purpose of life. The obsession with money can alter your thinking and even kill your morals.

You hear about how billion-

aires buy private islands, yachts and fancy cars. But there are also some generous among the super rich like Azim Premji, Warren Buffet, Ratan Tata and Bill Gates who believe in giving back to society. Investing guru Warren Buffet has pledged to donate 99% of his wealth, either during his life or when he dies. "I want to give my kids just enough so that they would feel that they could do anything, but not so much that they would feel like doing nothing," he has said.

There are many stories of billionaires who have given away their fortunes because it made them feel miserable. These are people who eventually realised that the money in their accounts had a larger purpose than just increasing their bank balance.