

## Don't Use Your Imagination

Nonprofit organizations listen to the wealthy because the contributions of the wealthy keep them in operation. Businessmen listen to the wealthy because it is good business. Some folks cater to the wealthy in hopes of receiving some sort of benefit; they want a 'piece of the pie.'

Solomon wrote:

**A rich man's wealth is his strong city,  
And like a high wall in his own imagination.**

--Proverbs 18:11

The term 'imagination' is translated from a Hebrew word that meant 'showpiece' or 'figure.' It was sometimes used to describe *carved images*, the tangible result produced from a mental image.

Wealth, in the mind of a wealthy man, creates a *mental image* of strength and security, a 'high wall.'

Now, let's back up one verse and see true reality:

**The name of the LORD is a strong tower;  
The righteous runs into it and is safe.**

--Proverbs 18:10

Will you accept reality, or is wealth stronger than the Lord?

Will you accept reality, or is wealth better than righteousness?

Will you accept that wealth is an illusion, or have you already created your own illusion of its strength and security?

When it comes to money...be wise and...  
Don't use your imagination.



Our nation is driven by money. Many people believe that with a little more money, they can 'get ahead.' If they can just get ahead, things will be better.

"With more money will come security," many think. They will not have to worry about juggling the bills and skimping on necessities.

There is a perception that with more money a person will be accepted. After all, they will be able to purchase the clothing styles that are popular 'now.' They will be able to drive a late model vehicle. They will be able to have the latest technology, just like all their friends.

We see it all the time; people cater to the wealthy.

We put such importance on wealth that we train ourselves to believe that the wealthy are important, at least, more important than the rest of us.

Politicians listen to the wealthy because the wealthy contribute to their campaign.