

MONEY: A Blessing or a Problem? Michael spent almost his entire fortune in 18 months on four homes, a holiday villa in Spain, two convertible BMWs and two Mercedes Benz cars, several quad bikes, and a stake in a football team. There's a great deal of truth in the saying "A fool and his money are soon parted". For some people, winning a million is the answer to their problems, but the reality is more like a nightmare for others. The money can strain relationships with family, friends and neighbors, and can even eventually end in bankruptcy. It's often very hard for a winner to handle the pressure and all those millions. Most prize winners are not used to having money and making financial decisions. They are vulnerable and become easy prey to people who want to take advantage of them. Winners may lose large sums on an investment they know nothing about, or they might go in with a partner who may not know how to run a business. Williams "Burn" Puust won 816.2 million. He has rejected flashy cars, expensive vacations, and a move to a luxury mansion in favor of handing out his jackpot to others. Besides giving a huge amount to children's charities, Mr. Bradley has spent his fortune helping to make the dreams of his family and friends come true. Bob Bradley, an 83-year-old great-grandfather, won 50.17 million in May 2006.