

A man in a dark t-shirt is seen from the side, holding an open book and looking towards a sunset over a field. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light.

Finding Contentment

1 Timothy 6:6-12

Godliness and Contentment

◈ **1 Timothy 6:6** - ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain...

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- ◆ **Proverbs 15:16** - ¹⁶ Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it.
- ◆ **Luke 12:13-15** - ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.
- ◆ **Hebrews 13:5** - ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

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◆ **1 Timothy 6:7** - ⁷...for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

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- ❖ **Job 1:21** - ²¹ And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”
- ❖ **Ecclesiastes 5:15** - ⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.
- ❖ **Luke 12:20-21** - ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Content – Food and Clothing

◊ **1 Timothy 6:8** - ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

Poverty Nor Riches

◆ Proverbs 30:8-9:

⁸ Remove far from me falsehood and lying;
give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with the food that is needful for me,
⁹ lest I be full and deny you
and say, “Who is the LORD?”
or lest I be poor and steal
and profane the name of my God.

God Will Provide for You

◆ **Matthew 6:25-26** - ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

The Temptation of Money and Wealth

◆ **1 Timothy 6:9-10** - ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

No Satisfaction in Love of Money

◆ **Ecclesiastes 5:10** - ¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

4 Keys to Godliness and Contentment

1. Focus on Jesus
2. Practice/Embrace Humility
3. Look for Opportunities to Serve Others
4. Continue to Grow and Mature Spiritually

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

◆ **1 Timothy 6:11-12** - ¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.