

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“Killing the Cannibal of Contentment”**

**“iChurch 40-Day Challenge – Pt. 5**

1 Timothy 6:6-10 and 17-19 & Selected

### **Challenge Number 4:**

I will intentionally sacrifice my finances to advance God’s Kingdom in 2018!

### **To Kill the “Cannibal” of Contentment I Will Accept that...**

#### **1. I brought nothing in and I can take nothing out of this world.**

*“For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.” Vs. 7*

*“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return.”*  
Job 1:21

#### **• Godliness is gain!**

*“But godliness with contentment is great gain.” Vs. 6*

*“I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.”*  
Philippians 4:11

#### **• Greed is loss!**

*“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.” Vs. 9*

#### **2. I can effectively pursue only one craving at a time.**

*“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.” 1 Timothy 6:10*

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

*“You cannot serve God and money.” Matthew 6:24b*

### **3. The craving I pursue will determine the change God desires to see in me.**

*“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.” Vs. 17*

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33*

*“Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4*

### **How Does God Want to Use the Wealth He’s Given Me to Change Me?**

*“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.” Vs. 18*

- My desire is to do good for the Kingdom always.
- My plan is to be rich in using my wealth for the Kingdom always.
- My goal is to continually seek opportunities to joyfully bless God’s Kingdom with my wealth always.
- My heart is to share my wealth as God leads to expand His Kingdom always.

### **4. The greatest investment I can make is not in the temporary but in the eternal!**

*“...thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.” Vs. 19*

See Matthew 6:19-24