

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES PART 1

## I. LIVE A CONTENTED LIFE

### 1 TIM 6:6-10 NIV

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

### JOB 1:21 ERV

"When I was born into this world,

I was naked and had nothing.

When I die and leave this world,

I will be naked and have nothing.

The Lord gives,

and the Lord takes away.

Praise the name of the Lord!"

*Warren Wiersbe:*

*"Real contentment must come from within. You and I cannot change or control the world around us, but we can change and control the world within us."*

### HEBREWS 13:5 NIV

"Be **CONTENT** with what you have."

### PHIL 4: 11-12 NIV

11...For **I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances**. 12I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. **I have learned the secret of being content** in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

## II. TRUST GOD FOR PROVISION

### 1 TIM 6:17 NIV

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to **PUT THEIR HOPE IN GOD**, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment

#### a. "TO THOSE WHO ARE RICH"-

Our standard of living today would certainly make us "rich" in the eyes of Timothy's congregation!



## b. "NOT TO BE ARROGANT"

Warren Wiersbe:

*"If wealth makes a person proud, then he understands neither himself nor his wealth. We are not owners; we are stewards. If we have wealth, it is by the goodness of God and not because of any special merits on our part. The possessing of material wealth ought to humble a person and cause him to glorify God, not himself."*

### DEUT 8:11-14,18 GW

**11 Be careful that you don't forget the Lord your God.** Don't fail to obey his commands, rules, and laws that I'm giving you today. 12 You will eat all you want. You will build nice houses and live in them. 13 Your herds and flocks, silver and gold, and everything else you have will increase. 14 When this happens, **be careful that you don't become arrogant and forget the Lord your God**, who brought you out of slavery in Egypt.

**18 But remember the Lord your God is the one who makes you wealthy.**

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How can you cultivate a contented life now as a follower of Christ?
2. Why do you think trusting God for our needs is more difficult when you are "rich."