

**CONTENTMENT SAYS... “I \_\_\_\_\_ BLESSED”**

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19 NIV

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...godliness **with contentment** is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who **want** to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful **desires** ...flee from all this, and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness...take hold of the life that is truly life.**

**4 CHALLENGES TO MY CONTENTMENT**

- *Commercialism...*
- *Comparison...*
- *Compensation...*
- *Combat...*

**3 FAITH CONFESSIONS THAT ACCOMPANY MY CONTENTMENT**

1. **“This World is not my Home”** IS A COMMITMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_

“...Command those who are rich *in this present world*...Fight the good fight of the faith. *Take hold of the eternal life* to which you were called...keep this command without spot or blame *until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ*...”

See Also: **MATT 6:19-24, JOHN 18:33-37, 2 COR 5:1-10, PHIL 3:20-21**

2. **“\_\_\_\_\_ I have comes from Him”** IS A COMMITMENT TO **GRATITUDE**

“...In the sight of God, who *gives life to everything*... command those who are rich...to put their hope in God, *who richly provides us with everything* for our enjoyment...”

See Also: **GENESIS 12:1-3, GAL 3:14, 1 CHRON 29:11-14, JAMES 1:17**

3. **“He alone can fulfill Me”** IS A COMMITMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_

“...Command those who are rich *in this present world*...*to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.* In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation *for the coming age*, so that they may take hold of *the life that is truly life*...”

See Also: **LUKE 16:13, JOHN 20:21, MARK 10:45, 2 COR 9:11, PHIL 4:10-19, HEB 11:6**

**Am I being discontent?**

- FAITH: *Am I trusting God to provide or being impatient or independent?*  
SURRENDER: *Am I consistently giving to God and His Kingdom purposes?*  
STEWARDSHIP: *Am I faithfully paying my debts and current in all my financial responsibilities?*  
GENEROSITY: *Am I more likely to treat myself than be a blessing to others?*

**What Next?**

1. **SELL OR RETURN PURCHASES** TO FULFILL YOUR FINANCIAL REPOSIBILITIES.
2. USE WHAT YOU’VE ACQUIRED IN DISCONTENTMENT **GENEROUSLY FOR GOD’S PURPOSES**
3. TRUST GOD FOR **YOUR ONGOING SATISFACTION**

HEBREWS 13:5 NIV

**Keep your lives free** from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

\_\_\_\_\_, **SO I HAVE ENOUGH**

# MONEY IS JUST A TOOL. THE LOVE OF MONEY GETS US INTO TROUBLE!

Wealth and Kingdom impact are not enemies. Below is just a sample of **biblical figures known for wealth**, along with how they advance God's work with their wealth.

## *Old Testament Figures*

PERSON	REFERENCE	KNOWN WEALTH	CONTRIBUTION TO GOD'S WORK
<b>Abraham</b>	Genesis 13:2	Livestock, silver, gold	Built altars throughout Canaan; became the covenantal father of all believers and model of faith
<b>Joseph (in Egypt)</b>	Genesis 41–47	Managed Egypt's wealth	Preserved nations during famine; stewarded economic strategy that saved lives
<b>Boaz</b>	Ruth 2:1	"Man of standing"	Redeemed Ruth; preserved Messianic line; model of righteous generosity
<b>David</b>	1 Chron 29	Royal treasury	Personally financed massive Temple preparations before Solomon built it
<b>Solomon</b>	1 Kings 10	Extraordinary royal wealth	Built the First Temple; funded national worship infrastructure
<b>Hezekiah</b>	2 Kings 18–20	Royal storehouses	Restored Temple worship and reinstated tithing support for priests
<b>Job</b>	Job 1:3	Vast flocks, servants	His restoration displayed God's sovereignty; likely supported community and worship life

## *New Testament Figures*

PERSON	REFERENCE	KNOWN WEALTH	CONTRIBUTION TO MINISTRY
<b>Joseph of Arimathea</b>	Matt 27:57	"Rich man"	Provided his own tomb for Jesus' burial. Loaned it really! 😊
<b>Theophilus</b>	Luke 1, Acts 1	Wealthy Roman	Likely financed Luke's research and the publication of the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts
<b>Matthew</b>	Luke 5:27–29	Tax collector	Hosted banquet introducing Jesus to influentials
<b>Zacchaeus</b>	Luke 19	Chief tax collector	Radically repented! He gave half his goods to the poor and repaid his fraud fourfold!
<b>Mary, Martha &amp; Lazarus</b>	John 12	Owned home, costly perfume	Hosted Jesus, Mary anointed Him with expensive perfume
<b>Joanna</b>	Luke 8:3	Connected to royalty	Helped finance the ministry needs of Jesus
<b>Susanna</b>	Luke 8:3	Personal means	Provided financial support for Jesus and the Twelve
<b>Ethiopian Official</b>	Acts 8:27	High-ranking official	Likely carried the Gospel into Africa with personal influence and resources
<b>Cornelius</b>	Acts 10	Roman centurion	Gave generously to the poor; first major Gentile convert
<b>Lydia</b>	Acts 16:14–15	Dealer in purple cloth	Hosted the Philippian church; likely funded early missions in Philippi
<b>Barnabas</b>	Acts 4:36–37	Owned land	Sold property and gave proceeds to support the early church
<b>Philemon</b>	Philemon 1–2	Owner of large home	Hosted house church; supported Paul's ministry

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