



# But Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain.

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## “But Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain”

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“Godliness with Contentment,” just being satisfied with what you have and living a godly life is great gain. In other words having sufficient material goods and the necessities of life: food, shelter, clothing will make one at peace if they are not lusting after goods that belong to others. We must learn to be satisfied and comfortable with what we have no matter what state we find ourselves.

Apostle Paul explained in Philippians 4:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content.

<sup>12</sup> I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

In 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Apostle Paul addresses Timothy concerning covetousness and greediness stating, “But godliness with contentment is great gain.

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<sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out.

At birth we brought nothing into this world (*life*) with us and of a fact, when we die and depart from this life, we can carry nothing out. Wherefore, the collection of material worldly goods that we gather in this life will here for another to take over and use for his/her own purpose. God, our provider, in His divine intervention, his providence has supplies all our needs according to His

riches in glory, by and through Jesus Christ. He will not see you go without the sufficient necessities.

<sup>8</sup> And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Jesus taught on your needs being supplied by illustrating how God takes care of His people, saying,”

<sup>26</sup> Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

<sup>26</sup> Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

<sup>27</sup> Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

<sup>28</sup> And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

<sup>29</sup> And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

<sup>30</sup> Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

<sup>31</sup> Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

<sup>32</sup> (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

<sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

<sup>34</sup> Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

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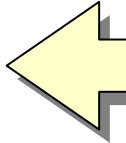
Riches in Scripture are considered the cause of much sin and rebellion against God, and for this cause, there are many warnings to man, especially converted men to shun all practices of covetousness and the lust for things. Too often, heaping up riches and running after worldly possessions debases the mental facilities of ones' thinking.

## 1 Timothy 6:9

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The ten dangers of coveting worldly goods and riches

- 1) Many temptations of the Devil – 1 Tim. 6:9
- 2) Many snares of the devil – 1 Tim. 6:9
- 3) Many foolish lust – 1 Tim. 6:9
- 4) Many hurtful lust – 1 Tim. 6:9
- 5) Eventual destruction and perdition – 1 Tim. 6:9
- 6) Causes the root of evil to grow – 1 Tim. 6:10
- 7) Causes one to error from the faith – 1 Tim. 6:10
- 8) Brings many sorrows – 1 Tim. 6:10
- 9) Makes on heady and high-minded – 1 Tim. 6:17
- 10) Wrongful trust in worldly things – 1 Tim. 6:17



These ten dangers will lead one astray, away from faith in knowing God through Jesus Christ will supply everything we need in this life. However, the sin of coveting after worldly-processions will eventually cause on to be lifted up in pride and sin – departing from God totally.

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<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The love of money – not the money itself – but the love of it... when one puts all his/her focus on obtaining money (*values, worldly processions,*) they easily depart and error from the <sup>E</sup> faith

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**A** "Snare" is referred to a "net", a "trap" and a "pit dug in the ground" filled with sharp stakes, and covered over so that any man or animal who falls into it will be killed. (See: 1 Tim.3:7, Luke 21:35, Romans 11:9, 2 Tim. 2:26).

**B** "foolish and hurtful lust" – too often, heaping up (*spending all you time seeking after*) debases the mind, destroys godly traits, and causes selfishness, pride, and avarice, which is: covetousness, greediness, and materialism and those pursuing the baggily elements of this world end up in destruction and **C** perdition.

**C** "perdition" G684 ἀπώλεια **apoleia** (a-pō'-lei-a) **n. total destruction, ruin or loss** (physical, spiritual or eternal). [from a presumed derivative of G622] KJV: damnable (-nation), destruction, die, perdition, X perish, pernicious ways, waste Root(s): G622

**D** "Covet after" one **to stretch oneself, i.e. reach out after** (long for).

**E** G4102 πίστις **pistis** (piy'-stis) **n.**  
1. a **trust**.  
2. a **firm persuasion, a confidence**.  
3. (*especially*) a **reliance upon Jesus for salvation**.  
4. (*abstractly*) **constancy in such reliance**.  
5. (*by extension*) **the trust in Jesus and the resulting conduct and attitudes of abiding in the Truth Himself**. [from G3982]

KJV: assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity  
Root(s): G3982

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