

“The Context of Contentment”

1 Timothy 6:1-8

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- **Corrupt Thinking
(vs.1-5)**

- **Society's difference (v.1,) Masters & slaves; Rich & poor - godliness didn't change that!**
- **Spiritual distinctions (v.2) Godliness changed attitudes and actions. (WWJD)**
- **Scriptural distortions (vs.3-5) the twisted teaching of prosperity; Godliness would bring wealth!**

Twisted Thinking

Godliness is the great equalizer – Galatians 3:28

Proverbs 22:2 Matthew 23:8 James 2:5

**Thus no social difference therefore God will
make me rich too.**



Godliness + Blessing = cash

Job 1:1-3 1 Chronicles 29:28 Matthew 27:57

Godliness

Is about character not cash. It's value and blessing is measured by the inward & eternal not the outward & temporary.

?????? God bless America ???????

Freedom or 401K ?

Justice or Jobs ?

Character or Cash, Cars & condos ?



II. Correct Thinking (vs.6-7)

Godliness is gain - there is profit.

Ecclesiastes 8:12 1 Timothy 4:8

Godliness is great gain -

Mark 8:36 Philippians 1:21

Godliness with contentment is great gain -

Contentment

Is possessing enough so that we need nothing more.

“I shall not want.” Psalm 23:1

“Be content with your wages” Luke 3:14

“I have learned to be content.” Philippians
4:13

Hebrews 13:5

“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He said I will never leave you or forsake you”

Contentment

- **Resists** Covetousness & envy –
Exodus 20:17 Psalm 73:1 Luke 12:15
- **Reflects** on “have” not “have not” –
Genesis 28:15 Psalm 37:25 68:19
- **Remembers** the Promise – Joshua 1:4
Isaiah 41:10 Luke 12:7 2 Timothy 4:17

Count Your Blessings!
All this and Jesus too!

Godliness & Contentment

Was how Job could bless God when everything in life was taken away.

Was how the widow could give all her money to help the poor.

Was why Matthew could walk away from his job.

Is how we can accept our place in life!

When Godliness is in place contentment is easy!

I have learned to be satisfied with what I have.

I know what it is to be in need and what it is to have more than enough. *I have learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little.*

I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. (Philippians 4:11-13)

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