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Treasures In Heaven

You brought nothing into this world. You will take nothing out of this world. Is that something that you have considered? Have you given that much thought? No, not really. **That explains a lot of your past behavior, doesn't it?** What do you mean by saying that? **You know exactly what I mean.** Are you sure? **Are you kidding me? Yes, I'm sure. Tell me why I know that you haven't thought much about the futility of loving money and pursuing things.** If I had given the subject much thought, at all, I would have realized how futile it is to love money and pursue things. **Why is that?** Life is short. My life on this earth is here today and gone tomorrow. In a blink of an eye or at the snap of the fingers my life on this earth will be over. **That's true.** I am just passing through this life. This is not my forever home. Trying to stockpile money and acquire possessions is a waste of time and energy. Everything I think I own will be left here when I leave this life. **That's right.**

As you have said, I brought nothing into this world and I will take nothing out of it. **That's what I said, but, I need to make one very important clarification.** What's that? **You can store up treasures in heaven.** What does that mean? How can I do that? **You have heard me say that I will reward you for the good that you do for me in this life?** Yes, I have heard you say that. **I want to explain that to you. But first, let me be clear. You will be coming to live forever in heaven with me. You are my follower. You have received my forgiveness and cleansing of your sin. For that I am forever grateful and thankful.** That's good. **Coming to live with me in heaven is a gift, it is not a reward. So, when I have told you that you will be rewarded for all the good that you will do for me in this life I am not talking about your salvation. I am not talking about your eternal life in heaven with me.** That would be good enough for me. I would need nothing more. I don't need any rewards. **That is a good attitude to have. But, all the fruit you will bear for me in this life will be storing up treasure in heaven with me. You will be rewarded. I will pay you back.** That's sounds incredible. **It will be fantastic.**

So, I want to ask you a question. Go ahead, I'm listening. **Do you want to pursue the treasures of this life or do you want to store up treasure, that will last forever, in heaven with me?** I want to store up treasure in heaven with you. **Then do the good things that I give you to do for me. Go and bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I have wanted money and material possessions. I have been discontent. I have gone down a destructive path pursuing what will not last. No more. I want to love, follow and serve you. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Amen

Character*Love Of Money*

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NIV 1 Timothy 6:6-10

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Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

NLT 1 Timothy 6:6-10

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Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

NRSV 1 Timothy 6:6-10

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[And it is, indeed, a source of immense profit, for] godliness accompanied with contentment (that contentment which is a sense of inward sufficiency) is great and abundant gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and obviously we cannot take anything out of the world; But if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content (satisfied). But those who crave to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish (useless, godless) and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction and miserable perishing. For the love of money is a root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have been led astray and have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves through with many acute [mental] pangs.

AMP 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Character*Love Of Money*

But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

NASB 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Character*Love Of Money*

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 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. 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.

ESV 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Character*Love Of Money*

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

NKJV 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Character*Lust For Money*

A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough. But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

MSG 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Character*Love Of Money*

Do you want to be truly rich? You already are if you are happy and good. After all, we didn't bring any money with us when we came into the world, and we can't carry away a single penny when we die. So we should be well satisfied without money if we have enough food and clothing. But people who long to be rich soon begin to do all kinds of wrong things to get money, things that hurt them and make them evil-minded and finally send them to hell itself. For the love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows.

TLB 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Character*Love Of Money*

Serving God does make us very rich, if we are satisfied with what we have. We brought nothing into the world, so we can take nothing out. But, if we have food and clothes, we will be satisfied with that. Those who want to become rich bring temptation to themselves and are caught in a trap. They want many foolish and harmful things that ruin and destroy people. The love of money causes all kinds of evil. Some people have left the faith, because they wanted to get more money, but they have caused themselves much sorrow.

NCV 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Love Of Money

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Character – 1 Timothy 6:6-10

In Context: Read 1 Timothy 6

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I have wanted money and material possessions. I have been discontent. I have gone down a destructive path pursuing what will not last. No more. I want to love, follow and serve you. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How is wanting to get rich like falling into a trap of foolish and harmful desires?

When has wanting to get rich led you down a destructive and harmful path?

When have you seen the love of money bring pain and suffering and grief into someone's life?

Why is pursuing money and material possessions ultimately a waste of your time and effort?

How are you learning to be content with what the Lord has given to you?

How are you investing your life into what will be of lasting and eternal value?

How is godliness and contentment growing in you as you love, follow and serve the Lord?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make loving, following and serving the Lord your pursuit in life so you will work for what is of eternal value.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that godliness with contentment will protect you from ungodly and worldly desires.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are learning to be content with what the Lord has given to you.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you learn to be content with what the Lord has given to you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will be content with what you have given to me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I learn to be content with what you have given to me?
