

*“But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many **foolish and hurtful lusts**, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 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.” 1 Timothy 6:9-10 KJV*



How many evils are rooted in finances? When you complain, what do you complain about and why? What irritates you? *“Godliness with contentment is great gain!”* Do you really believe this Truth? NEEDS are clearly defined by Scripture: *“Having food and raiment therewith be content.”* What no dwelling?!

According to God’s Word, if I have enough clothing and food, I am to be content. What? No car?! No job?! No money?! We become covetous through unbelief of God’s Word. *“Why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field...they toil not, neither do they spin...even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If God so clothe the grass of the field...shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and ALL THESE THINGS shall be added unto you.”* Do you really trust God’s Word like you claim or are you an unbeliever? *“Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, AND that He is a rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him.”* Maybe you have no reward, because you are not DILIGENTLY seeking God. If it was easy, there’d be no reward! Diligence is passionate persistent pursuit. A lover’s reward is the object of their love. Desire dictates diligence! What frustrates you? *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man.”* Do your sorrows come from unbelief and covetousness? If God knows my needs and has promised to supply them if I obey, from where exactly do my troubles come?

Lust, like heavy shackled chain,  
Brings to men their daily pain,  
For what they think is goodly gain,  
With death and sin their hearts do stain. ~CGP

We cannot expect Truth to shine from us into a sin darkened world if we pursue the same goals as they. We cannot expect our children to walk in Truth if we by example do not! Obedience to Christ is letting your Light Shine! Temporal existence is not a necessity to eternal life! When you understand this Truth, you’ll find Godliness and contentment dawning in your soul! *“As he thinketh...so is he”* Do your actions say you love God? The proof of your desires is what your children desire and do! We teach by example, not by words. The best leaders are true followers of Christ! What do you remember more? Your Mom and Dad’s words or deeds?

*“Let your moderation (diligent obedience) be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful (worry) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (God’s Word). Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; IF THERE BE ANY VIRTUE, AND IF THERE BE ANY PRAISE, think on these things.” Philippians 4:5-8 KJV*