

WHO'S YOUR MASTER?

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HEBREWS 13:5-6 (NLT)

⁵ Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."

⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"

I. Don't love money.

LUKE 16:13 (NLT)

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Who or what do you serve?

1 TIMOTHY 6:9-10 (NLT)

9 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.

10 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.

II. Be Content with what you have.

A. Contentment Isn't something that comes natural to us.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-12 (NLT)

¹¹ ... for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.

¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little...

B. Contentment is a faith issue.

C. Contentment is being satisfied with what God has given you.

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-8 (NLT)

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

⁷ 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.

⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

Mark Twain wrote:

OURS IS A CIVILIZATION THAT HAS DESTROYED THE SIMPLICITY AND THE REPOSE OF LIFE, REPLACED ITS CONTENTMENT, ITS POETRY, ITS SOFT ROMANTIC DREAMS AND VISIONS WITH MONEY-FEVER, SORDID IDEALS, VULGAR AMBITIONS, AND THE SLEEP THAT DOES NOT REFRESH. IT HAS INVENTED A THOUSAND USELESS LUXURIES AND TURNED THEM INTO NECESSITIES AND SATISFIED NONE OF THEM. IT HAS DETHRONED GOD AND SET UP A SHEKEL IN HIS PLACE.

III. Have Confidence in the Lord

AMPLIFIED:

5. Let your character or moral disposition be free from the love of money – [including] greed, avarice, lust and craving for earthly possessions – and be satisfied with your present circumstances and with what you have, for He (God) Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not. [I will] not. [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless, nor forsake, nor let you down, [relax my hold on you]. Assuredly not.

IV. Be Courageous

Amplified

6. So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, the Lord is my helper, I will not be seized with alarm – I will not fear or dread or be terrified. What can man do to me?

COMMON FEARS:

A. Fear of the future

B. Fear of Man

GALATIANS 1:10 (NLT)

¹⁰ OBVIOUSLY, I'M NOT TRYING TO WIN THE APPROVAL OF PEOPLE, BUT OF GOD. IF PLEASING PEOPLE WERE MY GOAL, I WOULD NOT BE CHRIST'S SERVANT.