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1. ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL

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⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 TIMOTHY 6

#1.

IT BREEDS FOOLISH CONCEIT

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¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

REVELATION 3

#2.

IT FEEDS HARMFUL CRAVINGS

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

1 TIMOTHY 6

¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

LUKE 12

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

ECCLESIASTES 5

#3.

IT DESTROYS GODLY CONTENTMENT

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¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

1 TIMOTHY 6

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

PHILIPPIANS 4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why do you think wealth often leads to arrogance and self-sufficiency? What are some warning signs that this might be happening in your life?**
- 2. Have you ever told yourself, "I'll be happy once I have [X]"—only to find that it was not enough? What is something you once thought was a luxury but now see as a necessity?**
- 3. How would you feel if you lost everything financially today? What practical steps can you take to cultivate contentment?**