



WEEK3

One-Minute Recap

The margin in your life is often supported by the margin in your finances. The problem is that we usually think we need to raise the standard of living with debt. However, the biblical picture of financial margin says that we raise the quality of our lives with discipline instead.

Money is the chief rival for your heart.

- How do you cultivate a heart of contentment?
- When are you most tempted to be a lover of money?

CONTENTMENT:

“But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

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Talk about CASH?

Do you have financial margin? How did you get it?
Does talking about money make you uncomfortable? Why is that?



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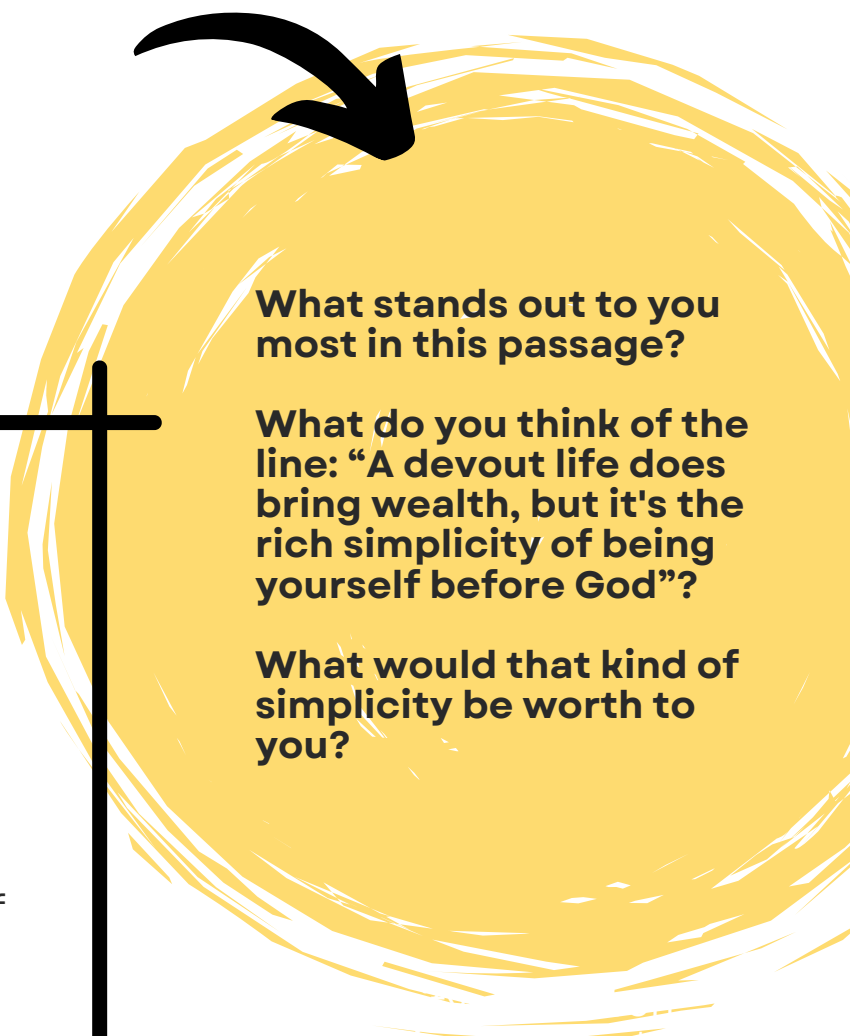


Money is the root of all evil, but not evil itself. It is a tricky balance to use resources wisely and to also realize that it can not be the driving force in our daily decisions.

VERSE TO STUDY - 1 Tim 6:8-9

But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 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. (NIV)

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. (MSG)



What stands out to you most in this passage?

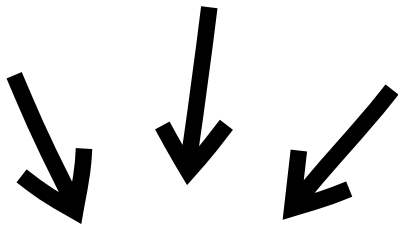
What do you think of the line: "A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God"?

What would that kind of simplicity be worth to you?



FOLLOW PRACTICE

DISCIPLINE YOURSELF THIS WEEK TO
FIND FINANCIAL MARGIN



What is something you regularly buy out of comfort but not a necessity?

- 1) Write down a list of three small things on your phone or paper.
- 2) This week, could you skip that purchase?
- 3) As you do:
 - What space do you notice opens up, not just in your wallet but in your schedule?
 - What other margin could open up by saying no to things you habitually buy?

C.S. Lewis

“There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind.”





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