

# FREEDOM FROM WANT

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**Text:** 1 Timothy 6:6-10

## Introduction:

1. The freedom from discontent
2. The formula of contentment

## I. EQUATION 1: Godliness

A. Principle of Godliness

B. Practice of Godliness

1. Purity
2. Honesty
3. Integrity

## II. EQUATION 2: Contentment

A. Definition of Contentment

B. Demonstraion of Contentment

- Establish a reasonable standard of living. (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Exercise the habit of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:14-15)
- Practice focusing on God. (Hebrews 13:5)
- Develop the attitude of delighting. (Psalm 37:1-4)
- Contentment is a process of learning. (Philippians 4:11-12)

## III. EQUATION 3: Great gain

A. Increase in responsibility (Luke 6:10-12)

B. Increase in riches (2 Corinthians 9:8-11)

C. Increase in rewards (Psalm 112:1-3)

## CONCLUSION

## TABLETALK STARTERS (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

1. Read 1 Timothy 6:10. How has the love of money wandered people from their faith in God and pierced themselves with many griefs in many aspects of their lives?
2. 1 Timothy 6:6 gave us the order of living a life of contentment. Why is godliness placed first in this order?
3. Larry Burkett, a leading Christian author gave the following demonstration of living a life of contentment:
  - \* Establish a reasonable standard of living. (Matthew 25:14-30)
  - \* Exercise the habit of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:14-15)
  - \* Practice focusing on God. (Hebrews 13:5)
  - \* Develop the attitude of delighting. (Psalm 37:1-4)
  - \* Contentment is a process of learning. (Philippians 4:11-12)

What area are you already practicing and in what area do you need to work on?

4. There are three ways that God can give us great gain. These are in the areas of responsibilities (Luke 6:10-12), riches in different forms (2 Corinthians 9:10-11) and rewards to the next generation (Psalm 112:1-3). Why should we appreciate and recognize that blessings can come not just in non-monetary forms? Why is this pattern prevalent in Scriptures?
5. Close the Life Group meeting by praying for one another and live a life of freedom from want.

**PRAY!**