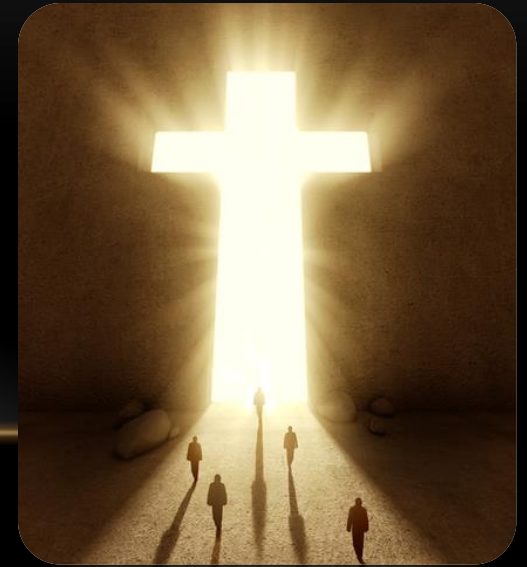


“Walk while You  
have the light,  
lest darkness  
overtake you”



John 12:35

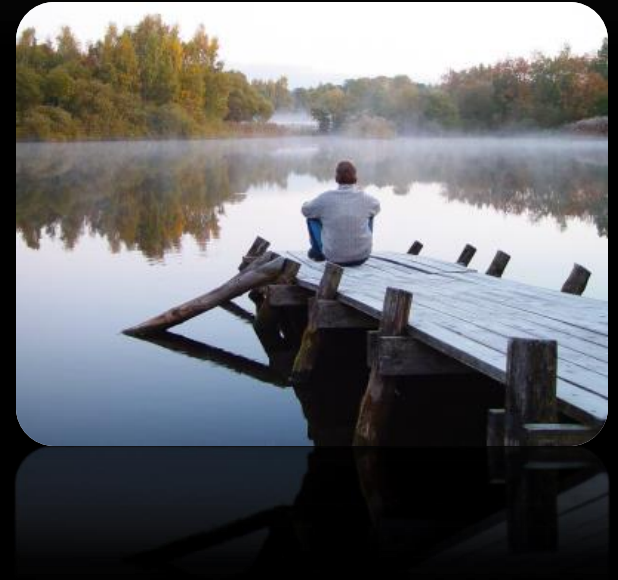
# Between the Light of Contentment And the Darkness of Greed



# The Light of Contentment ... (1)

- It is what makes us sit on top of this world
- “Now godliness with contentment is great gain”

*1 Timothy 6:6*



# The Light of Contentment ... (2)

- It is not only about possessions, but about everything we have in our lives
- It is not against ambition, but rather the guard against being swept up in a wild form of it



# The Light of Contentment ... (3)

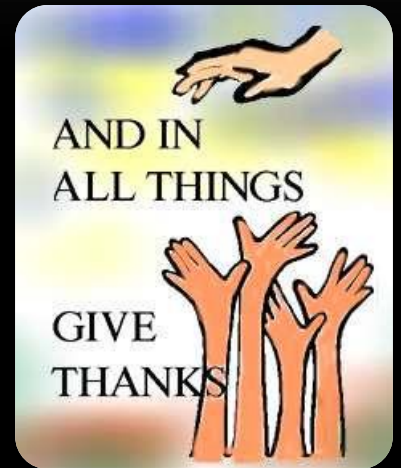
- With it comes peace, love of my neighbor, thanksgiving, and being able to enjoy the blessings we receive from God
- It is a virtue that we can learn to live by under any circumstances: “I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content”



*Philippians 4:11*

# How to Learn to be Content? <sup>(1)</sup>

1. Train yourself to appreciate what you receive and do not ask for more
2. Offer thanks daily for what was granted to you
3. Learn how to set the right value on things around you



# How to Learn to be Content? <sup>(2)</sup>

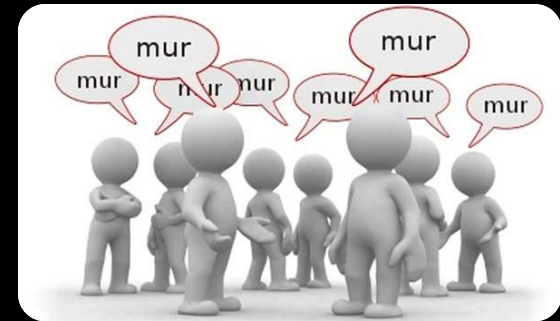
4. Do not meditate upon what others have and lust for it
5. Look after those who do not have what you have and try to feel their suffering



# How to Learn to be Content? <sup>(3)</sup>

6. Do not befriend a grumbler:

“Make no friendship with  
an angry man, And with a furious  
man do not go” *Proverbs 22:24*





# How to Learn to be Content? <sup>(4)</sup>

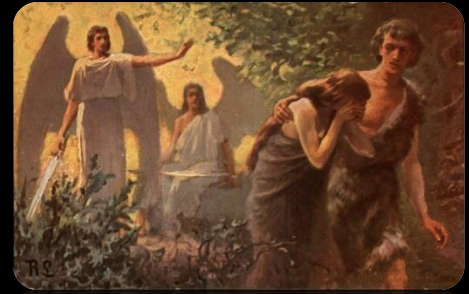
7. Set your heart on the True Gain who is the Lord Himself alone: “But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition” *1 Timothy 6:9*



# The Darkness of Greed ... (1)

1. The whole Garden of Eden was not enough for Adam and Eve when this vice crept into their hearts. “He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver”

*Ecc.5:10*



2. It is the mother of rebellion and complaining against God Himself.

Examples: Korah, Abiram and Dathan

# The Darkness of Greed ... (2)

3. It is not fitting for the saints:  
“But fornication and all  
uncleanness or covetousness,  
let it not even be named among  
you, as is fitting for saints”

*Ephesians 5:3*



# The Darkness of Greed ... (3)

4. It is the trigger of contentions and wars:

“Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain”



*James 4:1-2*

# The Darkness of Greed ... (4)

5. It deprives life of every delight and fills the heart with sadness and self-pity as it lessens the value of what we have and magnifies the things which we lack.

