

## THE LAW OF CONTENTMENT

Financial Fitness – Rick Warren  
Parts 1-4

*"It's healthy to be content, but envy will eat you up."* Proverbs 14:30 (CEV)

*"It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else."* Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GNT)

### THE EFFECT OF ALWAYS WANTING MORE

• Do not wear yourself out to be rich; have the wisdom to show restraint.  
Proverbs 23:4

• The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what is the advantage of wealth—except perhaps to watch it run through your fingers!  
Ecclesiastes 5:11 (NLT)

• A working man . . . can get a good night's sleep. But the rich man has so much that he stays awake worrying. Ecclesiastes 5:12 (GNT)

• A greedy man brings trouble to his family. Proverbs 15:27

*"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."* 1 Timothy 6:9 (NLT)

• If you love money, you will never be satisfied; if you long to be rich, you will never get all you want. It is useless. Ecclesiastes 5:10 (GNT)

*"It's foolish to think wealth brings happiness!"* (TLB)

*"I have learned the secret of being content . . . whether living in plenty or in want."*  
Philippians 4:12

## HOW TO LEARN CONTENTMENT

1. We do not dare classify or compare ourselves . . . it is not wise.  
2 Corinthians 10:12

*"You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor."* Exodus 20:17

**COVET:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. If God gives a man wealth and property . . . he should be grateful and enjoy what he has . . . it is a gift from God. Ecclesiastes 5:19 (GNT)

*"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 6:17

3. Jesus said, 'Watch out and guard yourselves from every kind of greed; because your true life is not made up of the things you own, no matter how rich you may be.'  
Luke 12:15 (GNT)

*"O God, I ask for two things from you before I die: First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name."* Proverbs 30:7-9

4. We fix our attention, not on the things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time; but what cannot be seen lasts forever.  
2 Corinthians 4:18

### Next Steps

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