

True, lasting contentment

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“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 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. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” – 1 Tim 6:6-10

Money and material things may promise happiness, but when they take first place in our lives, we walk on dangerous ground. We avoid this trap by living with thankful, humble hearts focused on God’s goodness to us through Jesus: “godliness with contentment is great gain” (v. 6).

The temporary things of this world never satisfy like God can. True, lasting contentment is found only through our relationship with Him.

By James Banks

Loving Lord, You are the greatest blessing of my life! Help me to live contentedly with all that You are today.

Personal Reflection

I recall the time that my uncle's son won the Big Sweep in Ipoh, Malaysia. It was a cool first prize of 1 million ringgit.

He did not heed good advice on how to deal with the windfall. Instead, he foolishly lived a high life – a decadent lifestyle with gambling, drinking and womanising. In just a matter of 2 years, he exhausted his prize money of 1 million ringgits.

Regrets came too late; or was it a just outcome that he inevitably went back to work as an office worker – back to a simple lifestyle.

Yes, easy (money) comes, easy (money) goes, so goes the saying. That's why Christians should not gamble. Rather, work hard as unto The Lord for our provision. Don't work, then don't eat.

Truly, lasting contentment is only found in Jesus – no one else.

Lord, teach us to choose wisely. Amen!

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