



**WEIGHT of the WORLD #11**  
*The Weight of Discontentment*  
Hebrews 13:5-6  
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<sup>13</sup> *No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one & despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*  
**-Luke 16:13 NASB**

- Recognizing which treasure we trust & which master we follow
  - Who are you living to please: "sovereign" self or Sovereign God?
  - How are you dealing with pain: satisfying self or seeking God?
  - What are you driven to pursue: earthly gain or eternal glory?
- Struggling with the sin of serving wealth is not limited to the wealthy
  - You can wrongly serve the desire to pursue wealth or to protect it
  - The pursuit can be demanding entitlement or deifying employment
- The Discontent are driven by a lack of something even if they have it all
  - It is a pursuit of temporary pleasure and the illusion of security
  - Now is the winter of our discontent

Those Serving the Lord Die to Self (v.5a)  
<sup>5</sup> *Make sure that your character is free from the love of money,*

- Mind the Manner of Your Life
  - Without the Love of Silver
    - A lover of money fully resolves to will & push themselves to riches
    - It is the focal point & pursuit of life, everything else moves back
    - This pursuit is a pattern the world celebrates
- The Danger of a Life Driven By the Pursuit of Wealth
  - <sup>9</sup> *But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.* <sup>10</sup> *For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*  
**-1 Timothy 6:9-10 NASB**
  - the drive to be rich is like a bird trap, harder you pull the tighter it gets
    - ignorant decisions & injurious desires
    - the drive to look rich by living beyond your means
  - Sinking/drowning into earthly ruin & eternal destruction
- the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils
  - this sinful love in the heart leads to all kinds of sinful acts
  - a longing that pulls from what is eternal & pierces with grief now

Those Serving the Lord Know Contentment (v.5b)  
*being content with what you have;*

- The Spectrum of Circumstances
  - <sup>11</sup> *Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.* <sup>12</sup> *I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity;*  
**-Philippians 4:11-12a**

-The Secret of Contentment  
*in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.*  
**-Philippians 4:12b**

-The Strength of Christ  
<sup>13</sup> *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.* **-Philippians 4:13**

-The Scope of Contentment  
<sup>6</sup> *But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.* <sup>7</sup> *For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.* <sup>8</sup> *If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.*  
**-1 Timothy 6:6-8**

Those Serving the Lord Trust His Faithfulness (v.5c-6)  
*for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"* <sup>6</sup> *so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?"*

-Discontentment looks at lack. Contentment looks to Christ