

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! ¹¹ The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers! ¹² People who work hard sleep well, whether they eat little or much. But the rich seldom get a good night's sleep.
Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 (NLT)

**Enjoy what I have,
but don't _____ on it for my _____.**

*Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us
all we need for our enjoyment. I Timothy 16:17b (NLT)*

Then he said to them, *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds
of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”*
Luke 12:15 (NIV)

*His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were
faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter
into the joy of your master.’*
Matthew 25:21 (NASB)

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being
content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER
DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,”
Hebrews 13:5 (NASB)

*I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy.
Yes, your joy will overflow! John 15:11 (NLT)*

**“It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy
that makes happiness.” (Charles Spurgeon)**

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*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...
I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation...
¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:11b, 12b, 13 (NIV)*

... give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my
needs. ⁹For 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 30:7b-9 (NLT)

**Contentment begins to take root
in my life when I...**

**Guard against the unhealthy _____
that come from having _____.**

³...These teachings promote a godly life. ⁴Anyone who teaches
something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person
has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs
up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions.
⁶Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷After all, we
brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take
anything with us when we leave it. ⁸So if we have enough food and
clothing, let us be content. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For the love of money is the
root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have
wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.
I Timothy 6:3b, 4, 6-10 (NLT)

Two temptations that come with “having/wanting more”:

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. I Timothy 6:17 (NLT)

1. _____
See: Luke 12:13-28

Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth
but not have a rich relationship with God. Luke 12:21 (NLT)

2. _____
See: Mark 10:17-27

Jesus looked him hard in the eye—and loved him! He said, “*There’s one thing left: Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor. All your wealth will then be heavenly wealth. And come follow me.*”²² The man’s face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go.²³⁻²⁵ Looking at his disciples, Jesus said, “*Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who ‘have it all’ to enter God’s kingdom?*” The disciples couldn’t believe what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: “*You can’t imagine how difficult. I’d say it’s easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye than for the rich to get into God’s kingdom.*”²⁶ That set the disciples back on their heels. “Then who has any chance at all?” they asked. ²⁷ Jesus was blunt: “*No chance at all if you think you can pull it off by yourself. Every chance in the world if you let God do it.*”
Mark 10:21-27 (MSG)

Live with the _____ that I will give an _____ to God.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
I Timothy 6:11-12, 14 (NIV)

See Romans 14:12; II Corinthians 5:10; Luke 12:48

Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.¹⁹ After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.”
Matthew 25:14, 19 (NLT)

“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities.¹¹ And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?¹² And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?¹³ “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”¹⁴ The Pharisees, who dearly loved their money, heard all this and scoffed at him.
Luke 16: 10-14 (NLT)

Leverage what _____ has _____ given me.

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. I Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I placed in God’s hands, that, I still possess.” (Corrie ten Boom)