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1 Timothy 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. (NIV)

## 4 Keys To Contentment

### 1. Recognize the dangers of discontentment

1 Timothy 6:9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. (NIV)

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (NIV)

### 2. Run from carnality and pursue spirituality

1 Timothy 6:11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. (NIV)

1 Timothy 6:12 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. (NIV)

### 3. Realize generosity destroys greed

1 Timothy 6:17-18 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.

<sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. (NIV)

### 4. Refocus on eternity daily

1 Timothy 6:19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (NIV)

## **CG Questions**

1. Why do so many Christians struggle with discontentment?
2. What are the dangers of being driven by discontentment?
3. How does a person flee the love of money and pursue spirituality?
4. How does generosity destroy greed in a person's life?
5. When dealing with money, why should we keep eternity in the forefront of our minds?