#### Contentment found in \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 4:11 Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content.

Philippians 4:12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. <u>I have learned the secret</u> of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

*Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.* 

# Financial Freedom and Contentment

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### Debt's \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 22:7 The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.* 

What is debt?

- \* Outgo more than your income.
- \* Liabilities exceed your assets.
- \* Purchasing an item today with *anticipated* future earnings.
- \* Borrowing to purchase a depreciating item.
- \* Owing more on an item that what it is worth.

Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;

Key: p.1: chains; p.2: discontentment; p.3: spiritual; financial; p.4: Christ

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#### The primary driver of debt?\_\_\_\_\_

Jeremiah 49:23 Concerning Damascus, "Hamath and Arpad are dismayed, for they have heard bad news. They are <u>disheartened</u>, <u>troubled</u> like the <u>restless sea</u>.

*Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.* 

Ecclesiastes 5:10 Whoever <u>loves</u> money never has money enough; whoever loves <u>wealth</u> is never satisfied with his income. <u>This too is meaningless</u>.

## Contentment

1 Timothy 6:9 People who <u>want to</u> get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many <u>foolish</u> and <u>harmful</u> <u>desires</u> that plunge men into <u>ruin</u> and <u>destruction</u>.

1 Timothy 6:10 For <u>the love</u> of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, <u>eager</u> for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 1 Timothy 6:6-7 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.

What is contentment: knowing God has given me <u>everything</u> I need for my <u>present</u> happiness.

#### Where does contentment come from?

*Proverbs 15:16 Better a little with fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.* 

Contentment is a	endeavor,
not a	one!

1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world <u>not</u> to be <u>arrogant</u> <u>nor</u> to <u>put their hope in wealth</u>, which is so uncertain...

1 Timothy 6:18... but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.