

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. [7] After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. [8] So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NLT)

But 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. [10] For 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.

IF ... THEN ?

Genesis 29:31 - 30:24

Grandpa

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Two DESPERATE women -
one desperate for **LOVE**
and the other desperate for
CHILDREN. Hughes

1 Timothy 6:6-7 (ESV)

Now there is **GREAT GAIN** in

GODLINESS with **CONTENTMENT**,

[7] for we brought nothing into the world, and
we cannot take anything out of the world.

1 Timothy 6:8-9 (ESV)

But **IF** we have food and clothing, with these **we WILL be CONTENT**. [9] But those who desire to be rich **fall into temptation**, into a snare, into many senseless and **HARMFUL DESIRES** that plunge people into **ruin and destruction**.

Philippians 4:11-12 (NIV)

...I have learned to be **CONTENT**
whatever the **circumstances**. [12] I know
what it is to be in NEED, and I know what it
is to have PLENTY. I have learned the
secret of being CONTENT
in ANY and EVERY SITUATION,
whether well FED or HUNGRY,
whether living in PLENTY or in WANT.

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

I can do **EVERYTHING**
through HIM
who gives me **strength.**

This is the story of the **TRIUMPH of God's power over human sinfulness.** It is into this most bitterly divided family that the forefathers of the twelve tribes were born. Fathered by a lying deceiver and mothered by sharp-tongued shrews, the patriarchs grew up to be **LESS than perfect themselves.** Yet through them the promises of Abraham took a great step toward their fulfillment, **showing it is DIVINE GRACE NOT human merit** that gives mankind **HOPE of Salvation.** Wenham

Psalm 73:25 (NLT)

Whom have I in heaven but **YOU**?

I desire YOU

MORE than **ANYTHING** on earth.

Psalm 73:25 (NET)

Whom do I have in heaven but **YOU**?

I desire NO ONE

but **YOU** on earth.

Questions

1. Why is it easy to live our lives with an **IF...THEN** Focus?
2. What can we do to change that FOCUS?
3. What can we do so that we can say honestly to the Lord **“I desire You more than anything on earth”**?