

BALANCE
(5) Managing Your Expenses

THREE LAWS OF BALANCE...

1. REFERENCE POINT
3. CLEAR OBJECTIVE
2. CONSTANT CORRECTIONS

SPENDING

DISCONTENTMENT: the dissatisfaction I have with what I have.
AWARENESS, not NEED, fuels DISCONTENTMENT!

Our **APPETITE** is NEVER FULLY AND FINALLY SATISFIED!
The **ONLY** way to **CURB** an **APPETITE** is to **DEPRIVE** it!

1 Timothy 6:6-11, 18-19 (ESV)

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 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. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

GREAT GAIN is Godliness with **CONTENTMENT!**

DISCONTENTMENT is **DESTRUCTIVE!**

In your **PURSUIT** of doing good,
you **WILL** become **MORE AWARE** of what **OTHERS REALLY NEED**,
and **LESS AWARE** of what **YOU THINK YOU NEED!** That is **TRULY LIFE!**

The **LESS** I have, the **MORE CONTENT** I am!

DON'T BUY THE LIE!

WHAT'S NEXT: FOUR QUESTIONS:

1. What creates **DISCONTENTMENT** in us?
2. How can we become **LESS AWARE** of what **WE DON'T HAVE**?
3. What can we do, **THIS WEEK**, to become **MORE AWARE** of what **OTHERS DON'T HAVE**?
4. What should we become **MORE DISCONTENT** about?