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GREAT GAIN

I Timothy 6:6 says, ***"...godliness with contentment is great gain."***

It is the nature of man to seek "gain," always wanting more. This is particularly true once the basic needs have been met. Yes, basic needs come first, then comes the desire for "more." More money, more power, more love, more of whatever it is they seek.

The key to a good life is not "more stuff" or anything else. The real key is our relationship to God. Hebrews 11:6 says, ***"...he who comes to god must believe that He is (exists), and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."***

God is our ultimate provider. Even when our work brings us a good living, it is He who provides both the ability and opportunity to work. When we are unable to work, He will provide for the most essential needs.

Our greatest need is for inner peace. Jesus is the giver of that peace. He said in John 14:27 (NKJV), ***"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you."***

The world views peace as an absence of conflict. That is not true peace. The peace that Christ gives is a calm assurance that all is well in our soul, our inner man. It comes with confidence that God has our best interest in his heart, mind, and will. That confidence, anchored in faith and trust, is the godliness that will preserve us (soul and spirit) into eternity. That brings us contentment. That brings the great gain of eternal glory in the afterlife. Jesus is our pathway; there is no other.