

Measured Warrior Field Manual Worksheet

Enemy Weapon: Love of Money — The Battle for Contentment

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"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

— Hebrews 13:5

Opening Reflection

Money is one of God's gifts, but the **love of money** can quietly become one of Satan's most effective weapons. The enemy doesn't merely tempt us to accumulate wealth—he tempts us to seek security, significance, and satisfaction in what money can provide rather than in Christ.

Before beginning today's study, prayerfully consider:

- When do I feel most content?
- What do I believe money will give me?
- If I suddenly lost much of what I own, where would my confidence rest?

Personal Reflection

Study 1: Understanding the Enemy Weapon

Read

- 1 Timothy 6:6–10
- Hebrews 13:5
- Ecclesiastes 5:10

Study Questions

1. According to Scripture, what is the difference between money and the love of money?

2. Why does Paul describe contentment as "great gain"?

3. What promises of God help combat the desire for more?

4. Which warning in these passages speaks most directly to your life?

Key Lesson

Money is a useful servant but a terrible master. Contentment grows when our trust is rooted in God's presence rather than our possessions.

Study 2: The Enemy's Strategy

Read

- Genesis 3:1–6
- Luke 12:13–21
- Matthew 6:19–24

Satan's Strategy

The enemy whispers lies such as:

- "You don't have enough."
- "You'll finally be happy when..."
- "More possessions equal greater security."
- "Your worth is measured by what you own."

Study Questions

1. Which of these lies have you believed?

2. How does comparison fuel discontentment?

3. What earthly treasures compete for your affection?

4. What would trusting God more completely look like?

Reflection Notes

Study 3: Biblical Battle

The Rich Young Ruler

Read

Matthew 19:16–30

Observe

- What did the young ruler desire?
- What did Jesus lovingly expose?
- Why did the man walk away sorrowful?
- What had become his true treasure?

Study Questions

1. What does this story teach about idols of the heart?

2. Why is surrender sometimes more difficult than obedience?

3. If Jesus asked you to surrender something valuable today, what might it be?

4. What eternal reward did Jesus promise His followers?

Battlefield Lesson

The greatest obstacle was never the man's wealth.

It was his unwillingness to let Christ become greater than his possessions.

Study 4: The Warrior's Habit

Contentment

Read

- Philippians 4:10–13
- Psalm 23
- Proverbs 30:7–9

A Measured Warrior...

- Trusts God's provision.
- Practices gratitude.
- Gives generously.
- Lives with open hands.
- Finds joy in Christ rather than possessions.

Study Questions

1. What blessings have you overlooked?

2. Where has God faithfully provided in your life?

3. What practical habits help cultivate contentment?

4. How can generosity weaken the grip of materialism?

Personal Growth Notes

Study 5: Following Christ's Example

Read

- Matthew 8:20
- 2 Corinthians 8:9

- Philippians 2:5–11

Consider

Jesus owned little by earthly standards, yet possessed all authority in heaven and earth.

His joy came from doing the Father's will.

His treasure was people.

His riches were eternal.

Study Questions

1. What most impresses you about Christ's relationship with earthly possessions?

2. How did Jesus model complete trust in the Father?

3. In what area do you need to imitate His contentment?

4. What one change will you begin this week?

Warrior Action Plan

This week I will intentionally:

- ☐ Practice gratitude every day.
- ☐ Give generously.
- ☐ Refuse comparison.
- ☐ Pray before unnecessary purchases.
- ☐ Encourage someone instead of competing with them.
- ☐ Fast from something that tends to control my heart.

My Personal Commitment

Sword of the Spirit — Memory Verses

Primary Memory Verse

Hebrews 13:5

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

Additional Memory Verses

1 Timothy 6:10

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

Philippians 4:11–13

"I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content."

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Proverbs 11:25

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Formation Question

If someone examined my calendar, my bank statement, my conversations, and my daily priorities, where would they conclude my true treasure is found?

Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for being my Provider, my Shepherd, and my greatest Treasure. Forgive me for the times I have trusted possessions more than Your promises. Teach me to be content in every circumstance, knowing that Your presence is worth more than anything this world can offer.

Help me to hold earthly blessings with open hands, to give generously, and to seek first Your Kingdom. May my heart treasure Christ above wealth, comfort, or success.

Strengthen me to stand firm against the enemy's weapon of the love of money. By the power of Your Holy Spirit and the truth of Your Word, shape me into a faithful Measured Warrior whose life reflects contentment, generosity, and unwavering trust in You.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

Amen.