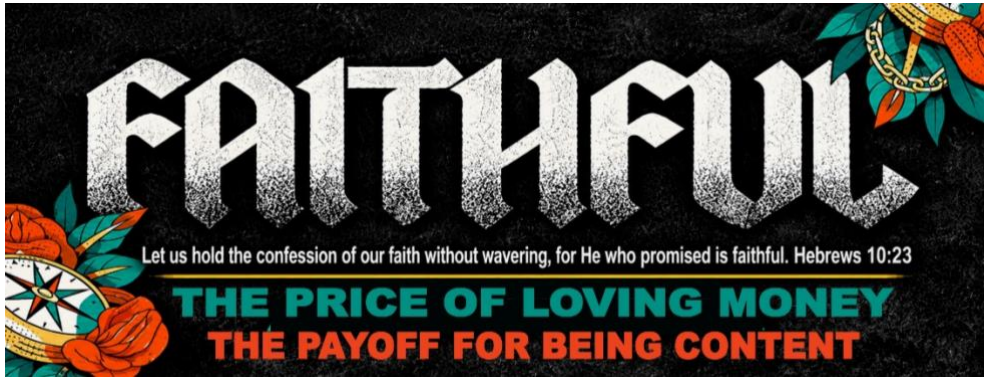

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." [6] So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" **Hebrews 13:5-6**

WHY KEEP MY LIFE FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY? BECAUSE…

1. **God _____ _____ to do so.**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who now believed him, 'Continue to obey the words that I have spoken to you. If you do that, you are really my disciples. **John 8:31** EASY

Disciples obey the_____ because they trust their _____.

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, [13] and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good? **Deuteronomy 1012, 13** NIV

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.
Deuteronomy 14 23b TLB

2. **Loving money leads to _____ Jesus as _____.**

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." **Matthew 6:24** NIV

3. **The love of money _____ _____ _____ to evil in my life.**

For the love of money—and what it can buy—is the root of all sorts of evil. Some already have wandered away from the true faith because they craved what it had to offer; but when reaching for the prize, they found their hands and hearts pierced with many sorrows. **1 Timothy 6:10** VOICE

4. **Loving money can result in losing my soul.**

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."…[20] "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. [21] This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." **Luke 12:15-21** NIV

WHY SHOULD I BE CONTENT WITH WHAT I HAVE? BECAUSE…

1. **Success requires practicing God's _____ _____ _____ strategy.**

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body…[28] Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. [29] Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **Ephesians 4:25-29** NIV

2. **Because of the _____ _____ contentment plays in my life.**

But godliness with contentment is great gain. [7] For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. [8] But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. [9] Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **1 Timothy 6:6-9** NIV

- **Godliness with contentment leads me to _____ _____.**

  Godliness without it leads me to _____ and _____.

Two things I ask, O God. Before I die, grant these requests…. Do not make me poor or rich, but give me each day what I need; [9] For if I have too much, I might forget You are the One who provides, saying, "Who is the Eternal One?" If i do not have enough, I might become hungry and steal and thus dishonor the good name of my God. **Proverbs 30:8-10** VOICE

THE WRITER'S THREE SECRETS FOR BEING FAITHFUL IN THIS

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1. **I trust because I believe _____ is _____ _____.**
2. **I trust because I believe that the _____ _____ _____ _____.**
3. **I trust, thus __ _____ _____ _____ about what men think or do**

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?