

Character is your lid and the limitation on your life.

Here's the truth:

Character, not competency,
will determine your capacity.



1 Timothy 4:7-8

Training for godliness



WE CAN BE TRANSFORMED IN GODLINESS IN RELATION TO OUR WORSHIP



Godliness = "True religion" (NEB)

James 1:27 "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."





- Putting loyalty to God above all else
- Our inner heart response to the things of God
- An attitude of reverence for what God calls sacred/holy.



- Exodus 3:5 Moses, you are standing on holy ground, take off your sandals
- Psalm 5:7 "in reverence I bow down"
- Heb 12:28 holy fear and awe



Amos 5:23-24 "away with your noise"
(Yet other times God says make a joyful noise Psalm 98:4)

So what's the key? Matthew 15:8-9



Reverence is born out of revelation:

- Luke 4:34 "we know who you are"
- •John 20:28 "my Lord and my God"



Confront the lies people believe about God & godliness:

- being godly means we'll have to be boring....
- being godly will take all the fun out of life....

- Psalm 16:11
- 1 Tim 6:17



VALUES of my leadership

Engaging Worship - We will provide regular opportunities for people to encounter God in a variety of styles through the power of the Spirit.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH (John 4:24)



The contrast to godliness is vividly highlighted in Jude 14-16

- Ungodliness an outstanding features of human character and society at the close of this present age
- "ungodly" occurs four times in the one verse (v 15) ungodly men, ungodly acts, ungodly words and ungodly way of life.
- That's one of the facts that we're confronted with in contemporary society.

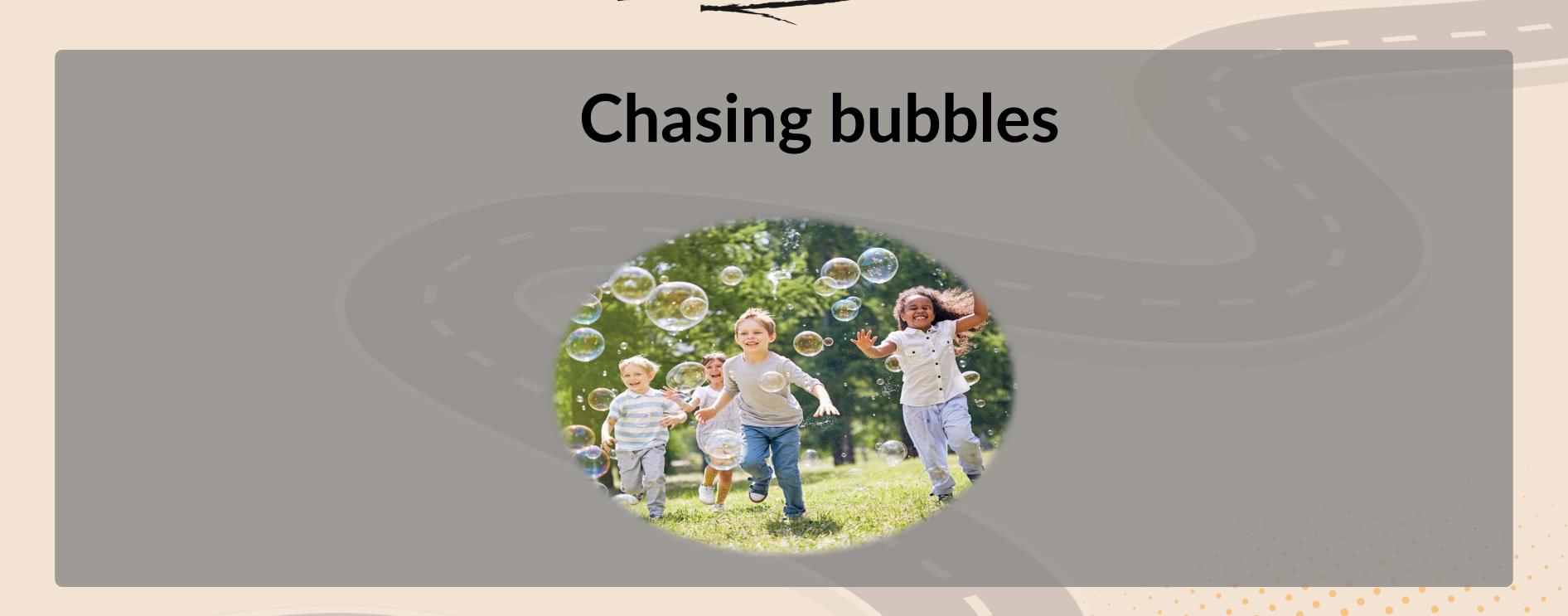


WE CAN BE TRANSFORMED IN GODLINESS IN RELATION TO OUR WEALTH

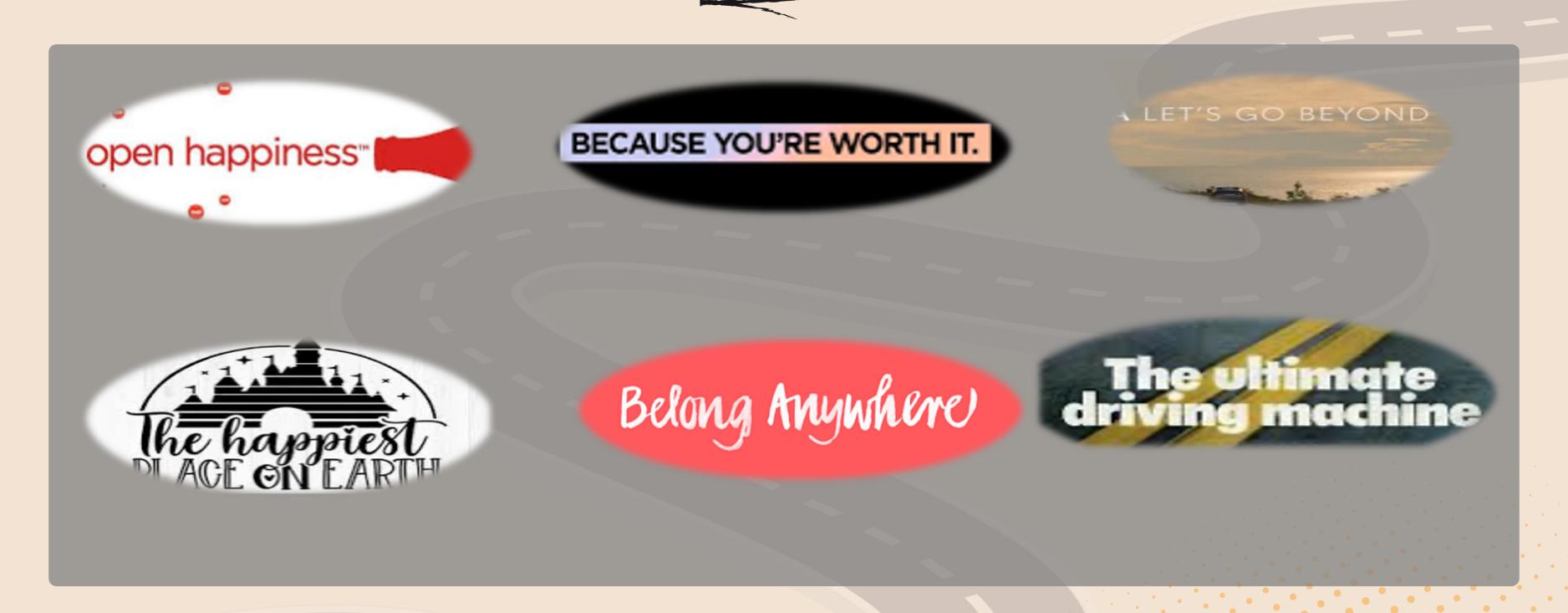


If I could just...
then I would be content











What is contentment?

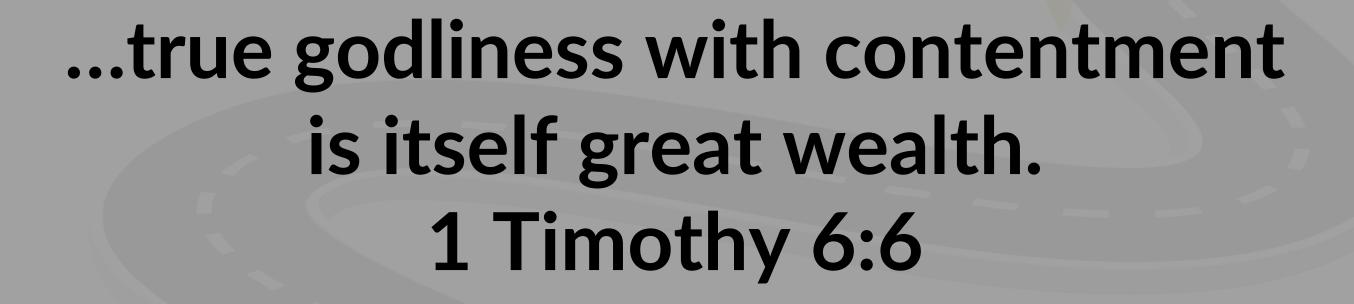
"Happiness and satisfaction, often because you have everything you need" Cambridge Dictionary





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Context

Before: Paul tells Timothy that slaves should work hard for their masters and warns of the false teachers that use 'godliness' for material gain

After: Paul warns of the dangers of greed "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil"



- Put loyalty to God above all else
- Our inner heart responds to the things of God
- We have an attitude of reverence for what God calls sacred/holy.



Material possessions don't corrupt us but our attitude to them do. Our attitude to giving is hugely important too.



Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength Philippians 4:11-14



CONCLUSION: SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US?

There are activities of godliness that will help us in the culture we live in. Jude stated the positive alternative to contrast with ungodly false teachers.

Jude verse 25 "But you, dear friends, build up yourselves in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal."

