


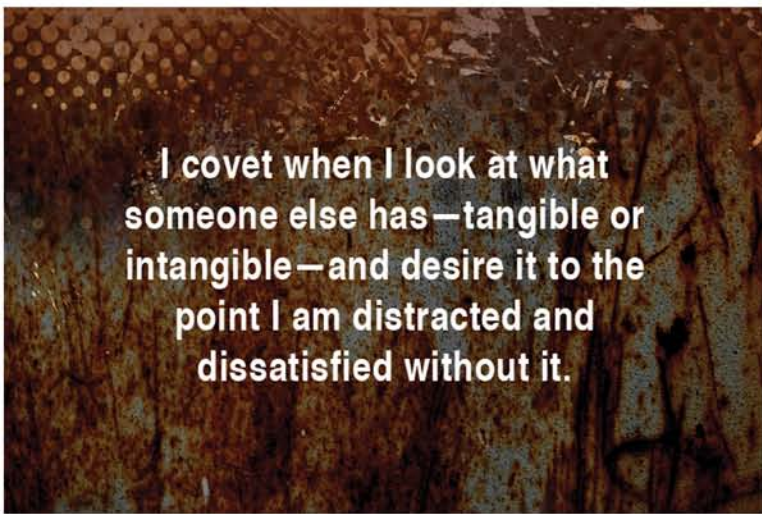
If I want it, it's mine.
If I give it to you and change
my mind later, it's mine.
If I can take it away from you, it's mine.
If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
If it's mine, it will never belong to
anyone else, no matter what.
If we are building something together;
all the pieces are mine.
If it looks just like mine, it's mine.
— *The Toddler's Creed*

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What is covetousness?

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I covet when I look at what
someone else has—tangible or
intangible—and desire it to the
point I am distracted and
dissatisfied without it.

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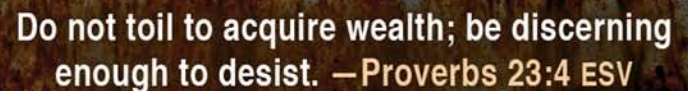
What does covetousness do?

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What does covetousness do?
Brings Fatigue

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Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning
enough to desist. —Proverbs 23:4 ESV

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What does covetousness do?

Causes Conflict

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You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

—James 4:3 ESV

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What does covetousness do?

Increases Debt

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What does covetousness do?

Expands Worry

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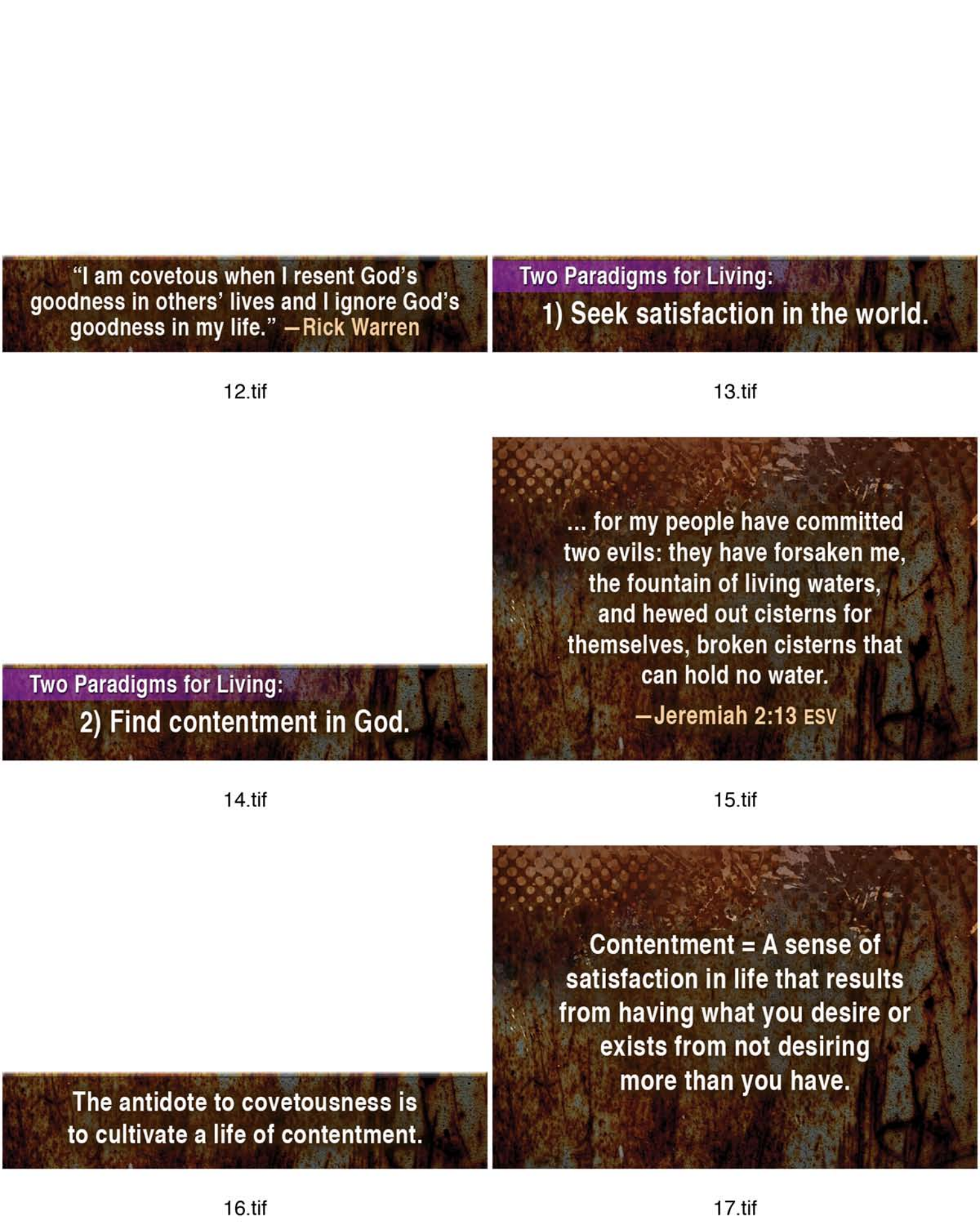
Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. —Ecclesiastes 5:12 ESV

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What does covetousness do?

Fuels Dissatisfaction

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"I am covetous when I resent God's goodness in others' lives and I ignore God's goodness in my life." —Rick Warren

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Two Paradigms for Living:

1) Seek satisfaction in the world.

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Two Paradigms for Living:

2) Find contentment in God.

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... for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

—Jeremiah 2:13 ESV

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The antidote to covetousness is to cultivate a life of contentment.

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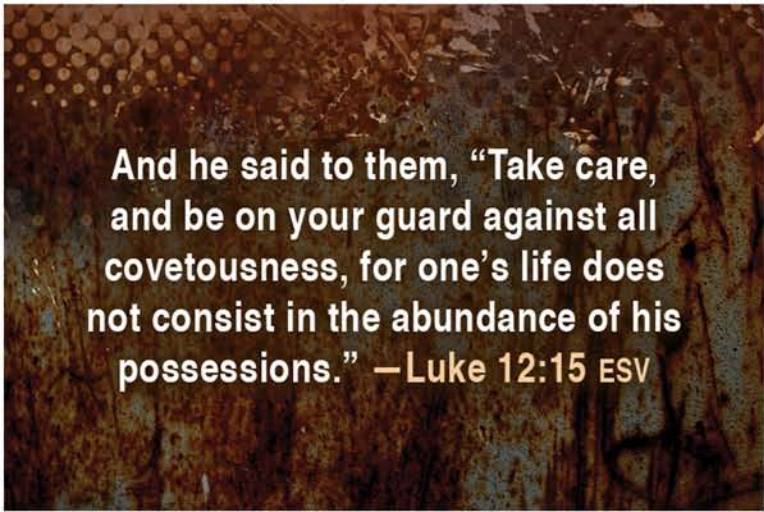
Contentment = A sense of satisfaction in life that results from having what you desire or exists from not desiring more than you have.

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**Recognize the Emptiness of
Acquiring Things**

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**And he said to them, “Take care,
and be on your guard against all
covetousness, for one’s life does
not consist in the abundance of his
possessions.” —Luke 12:15 ESV**

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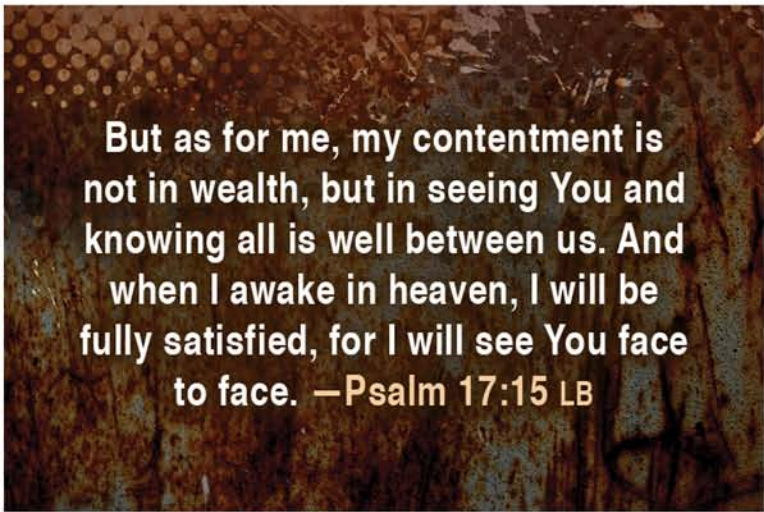
**Resist the Temptation to Compare
Yourself to Others**

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**Rejoice in What God Has Provided
for You**

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**But as for me, my contentment is
not in wealth, but in seeing You and
knowing all is well between us. And
when I awake in heaven, I will be
fully satisfied, for I will see You face
to face. —Psalm 17:15 LB**

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**Refocus Your Priorities From
Getting to Giving**

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¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

—1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV

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Redefine Your Lifestyle from Excess to Enough

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⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

⁹But 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.

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¹⁰For 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. —1 Timothy 6:6-10 ESV

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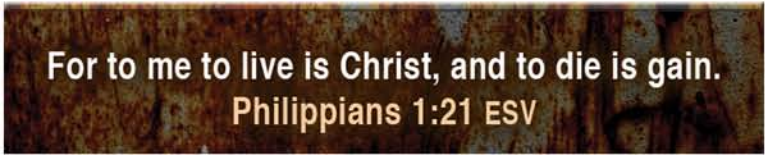
¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

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³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

—Colossians 3:1-4 ESV


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For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21 ESV

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For to me to live is _____, and to die is _____.

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