



# IN HIS IMAGE

CONTENTED LOVE



# THE IMAGE OF GOD

## GOD IS LOVE

- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 JOHN 4:8** ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE...<sup>16</sup> SO WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE, AND WHOEVER ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM.

## WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 5:5** ...THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN Poured OUT WITHIN OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WAS GIVEN TO US.

## LOVE IS SUPREME

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:13** BUT NOW ABIDE FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:12** PUT ON THEN, AS GOD'S CHOSEN ONES, HOLY AND BELOVED, COMPASSIONATE HEARTS, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, AND PATIENCE, <sup>13</sup> BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER AND, IF ONE HAS A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER; AS THE LORD HAS FORGIVEN YOU, SO YOU ALSO MUST FORGIVE. <sup>14</sup> AND ABOVE ALL THESE PUT ON LOVE ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 16:14** LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE.



# LOVE AND ITS FRUITS

## FRUIT OF LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, AND IS NOT JEALOUS...

➤ IS NOT JEALOUS OR DOES NOT ENVY

➤ LIT. *IS NOT ZEALOUS*

➤ ZEALOUS: STRIVING FOR SOMETHING, DESIRE, SHOW ZEAL (FOR), SET ONE'S HEART ON

## PATIENT, KIND, AND CONTENTED LOVE

- LOVE INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO MEEKLY BEAR ILL THAT IS RECEIVED FROM OTHERS, AND TO CHEERFULLY AND FREELY DO GOOD TO OTHERS
- LOVE INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO NOT ENVY WHAT OTHERS HAVE OR DO, BUT RATHER INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO BE CONTENTED AS THEY ARE



## THE DANGER OF ENVY

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 TIMOTHY 6:5** ... MEN OF DEPRAVED MIND AND DEPRIVED OF THE TRUTH, ... SUPPOSE THAT GODLINESS IS A MEANS OF GAIN...  
    <sup>9</sup> BUT THOSE WHO WANT TO GET RICH FALL INTO TEMPTATION AND A SNARE AND MANY FOOLISH AND HARMFUL DESIRES WHICH PLUNGE MEN INTO RUIN AND DESTRUCTION. <sup>10</sup> FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF ALL SORTS OF EVIL, AND SOME BY LONGING FOR IT HAVE WANDERED AWAY FROM THE FAITH, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES WITH MANY A PANG.

## ENVY: A ROOT OF ALL EVIL

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 TIMOTHY 6:10** FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF ALL SORTS OF EVIL, AND SOME BY LONGING FOR IT HAVE WANDERED AWAY FROM THE FAITH, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES WITH MANY A PANG.

➤ *LIT. FOR THE GREEDY DISPOSITION IS A ROOT OF ALL THE EVILS*

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JAMES 4:2** YOU LUST AND DO NOT HAVE; SO YOU COMMIT MURDER. AND YOU ENVY AND CANNOT OBTAIN; SO YOU FIGHT AND QUARREL...

- <sup>NAS</sup> **MARK 7:20** AND HE WAS SAYING, "THAT WHICH PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MAN, THAT IS WHAT DEFILES THE MAN. <sup>21</sup> "FOR FROM WITHIN, OUT OF THE HEART OF MEN, PROCEED THE EVIL THOUGHTS, FORNICATIONS, THEFTS, MURDERS, ADULTERIES, <sup>22</sup> DEEDS OF COVETING AND WICKEDNESS, AS WELL AS DECEIT, SENSUALITY, ENVY, SLANDER, PRIDE AND FOOLISHNESS. <sup>23</sup> "ALL THESE EVIL THINGS PROCEED FROM WITHIN AND DEFILE THE MAN."
- <sup>NIV</sup> **MATTHEW 6:24** "NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS. EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE BOTH GOD AND MONEY.

## BE ZEALOUS FOR GOD

- <sup>ESV</sup> **MATTHEW 6:33** BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 14:17** FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT EATING AND DRINKING, BUT RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

## BE CONTENT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 4:11** ... FOR I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES I AM.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 3:8** MORE THAN THAT, I COUNT ALL THINGS TO BE LOSS IN VIEW OF THE SURPASSING VALUE OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD, FOR WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND COUNT THEM BUT RUBBISH IN ORDER THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST,

## THE VALUE OF CONTENTMENT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 TIMOTHY 6:6** BUT GODLINESS ACTUALLY IS A MEANS OF GREAT GAIN, WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY CONTENTMENT. <sup>7</sup> FOR WE HAVE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THE WORLD, SO WE CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING OUT OF IT EITHER. <sup>8</sup> AND IF WE HAVE FOOD AND COVERING, WITH THESE WE SHALL BE CONTENT.... <sup>11</sup> BUT FLEE FROM THESE THINGS [ENVY], YOU MAN OF GOD; AND PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, GODLINESS, FAITH, LOVE, PERSEVERANCE AND GENTLENESS. <sup>12</sup> FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH; TAKE HOLD OF THE ETERNAL LIFE TO WHICH YOU WERE CALLED, AND YOU MADE THE GOOD CONFESSION IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES.



# APPLICATIONS

# 1. LOVE OPPOSES ENVY

- LOVE DISALLOWS THE EXERCISES AND EXPRESSIONS OF ENVY

➤ <sup>NIV</sup> **GALATIANS 5:26** LET US NOT BECOME CONCEITED, PROVOKING AND ENVYING EACH OTHER.

➤ <sup>NAS</sup> **1 PETER 2:1** THEREFORE, PUTTING ASIDE ALL MALICE AND ALL GUILE AND HYPOCRISY AND ENVY AND ALL SLANDER, <sup>2</sup> LIKE NEWBORN BABES, LONG FOR THE PURE MILK OF THE WORD, THAT BY IT YOU MAY GROW IN RESPECT TO SALVATION, <sup>3</sup> IF YOU HAVE TASTED THE KINDNESS OF THE LORD.



## 2. LOVE PROMOTES CONTENTMENT

- LOVE MORTIFIES ENVY AND PROMOTES THE EXERCISES AND EXPRESSIONS OF CONTENTMENT
  - <sup>NIV</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:4** WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS YOUR LIFE, APPEARS, THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY. <sup>5</sup> PUT TO DEATH, THEREFORE, WHATEVER BELONGS TO YOUR EARTHLY NATURE: ... LUST, EVIL DESIRES AND GREED ...
  - <sup>NIV</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 4:11** ...I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. <sup>12</sup> I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE IN NEED, AND I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO HAVE PLENTY. I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT IN ANY AND EVERY SITUATION, WHETHER WELL FED OR HUNGRY, WHETHER LIVING IN PLENTY OR IN WANT.

### 3. LOVE RESULTS IN REJOICING

- LOVE DISPOSES US TO REJOICE IN OTHERS' GOOD FORTUNE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 12:15** REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE ...

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 12:26** AND IF ONE MEMBER SUFFERS, ALL THE MEMBERS SUFFER WITH IT; IF *ONE* MEMBER IS HONORED, ALL THE MEMBERS REJOICE WITH IT.

- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 2:17** ...I REJOICE AND SHARE MY JOY WITH YOU ALL. <sup>18</sup> AND YOU TOO, *I URGE YOU*, REJOICE IN THE SAME WAY AND SHARE YOUR JOY WITH ME.

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# CONCLUSIONS

## BEAR THE FRUITS OF LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, AND IS NOT JEALOUS...
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## BE CONTENT IN CHRIST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **HEBREWS 13:5** LET YOUR CHARACTER BE FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY, BEING CONTENT WITH WHAT YOU HAVE; FOR HE HIMSELF HAS SAID, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 12:10** THEREFORE I AM WELL CONTENT WITH WEAKNESSES, WITH INSULTS, WITH DISTRESSES, WITH PERSECUTIONS, WITH DIFFICULTIES, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE; FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 4:11** ... I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES I AM.