

LEARNING TO BE CONTENT

EXODUS 20:17; PHILIPPIANS 4:10-13

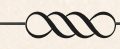
10 PRINCIPLES
FOR

Healthy
Families

SERMON SERIES



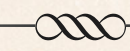
WHEN IS
ENOUGH,
ENOUGH!



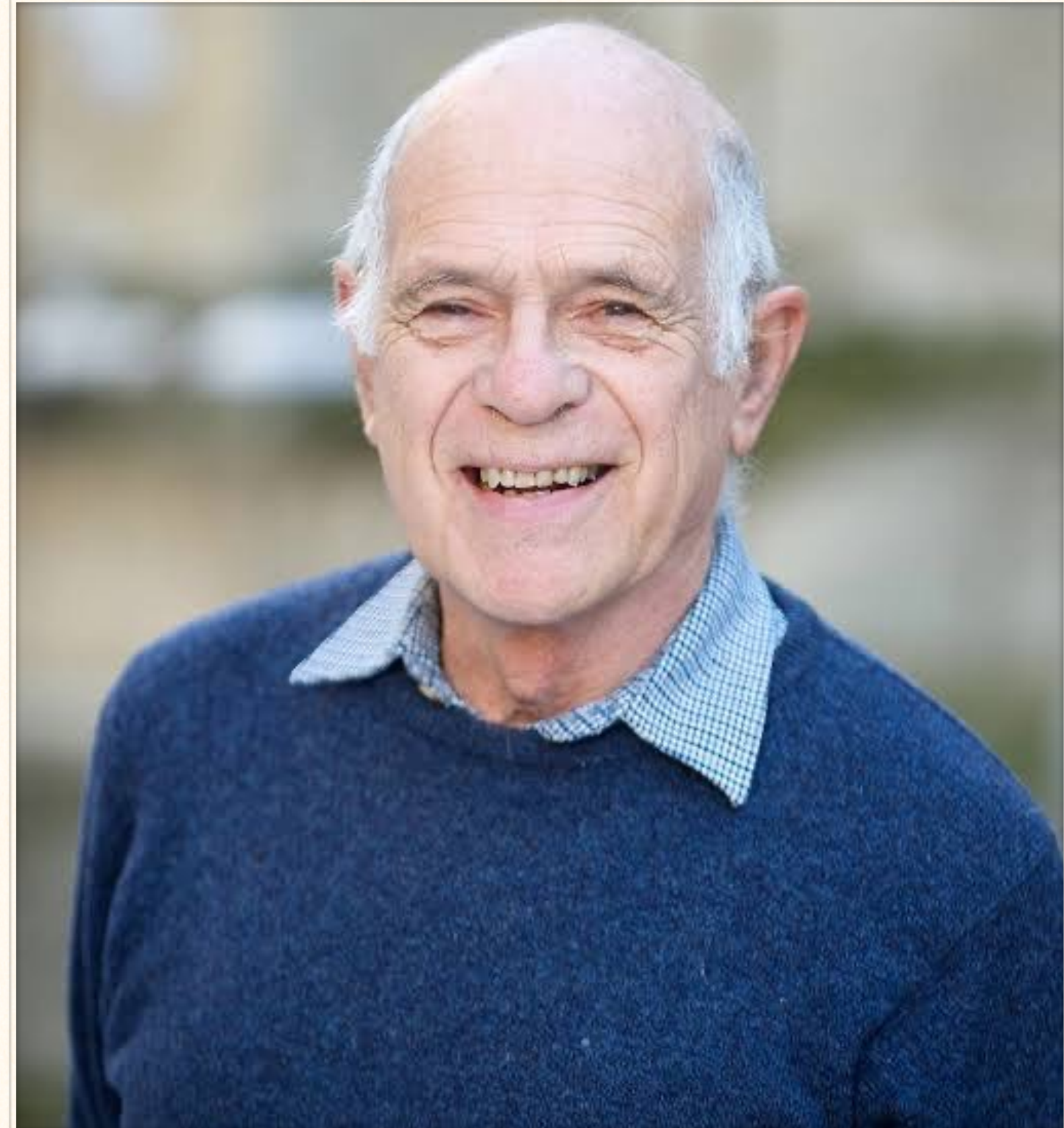
WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST



“THE DESIRE FOR
ACQUIRING MORE CAN
SOMETIMES BLIND US FROM
WHAT WE ALREADY
POSSESS.”



MICHAEL GREEN





I GOTTA HAVE MORE...

**The key to overcoming a covetous heart is developing
a contented heart.**

Big Idea

VERTICAL COMMMANDS: LOVING GOD



Only One God



Worship God only



Do not misuse Gods name



Keep the Sabbath day

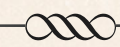
HORIZONTAL COMMANDS: LOVING OTHERS

- ❖ Honour your mother and father
- ❖ No murder
- ❖ No adultery
- ❖ No stealing
- ❖ Do not bear false witness

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Exodus 20:17

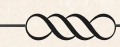
WHAT COVETING MEANS



**COVET: THE UNCONTROLLED
DESIRE TO ACQUIRE.**



COVETING IS A MATTER OF THE HEART

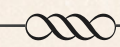


“For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.”

Mark 7:21



THE EFFECTS OF A COVETOUS HEART



FATIGUE

DEBT

WORRY

CONFLICT

DISSATISFACTION



CANADIAN CREDIT CARD SPENDING 2025

- ❖ Revolving card holders. 37%
- ❖ Average revolving balance \$5180
- ❖ Total outstanding credit card debt \$128 Billion
- ❖ Average interest rate 21%
- ❖ Serious delinquency rate 1%
- ❖ total Canadian credit card balances exceeded \$125 billion.

‘It always costs more to have more. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence you can bet the water bill's higher too.’

Rick Warren

THE CURE FOR COVETING



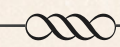
CONTENTMENT



I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 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. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:10-13

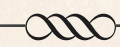
REJOICE IN GODS PROVISION



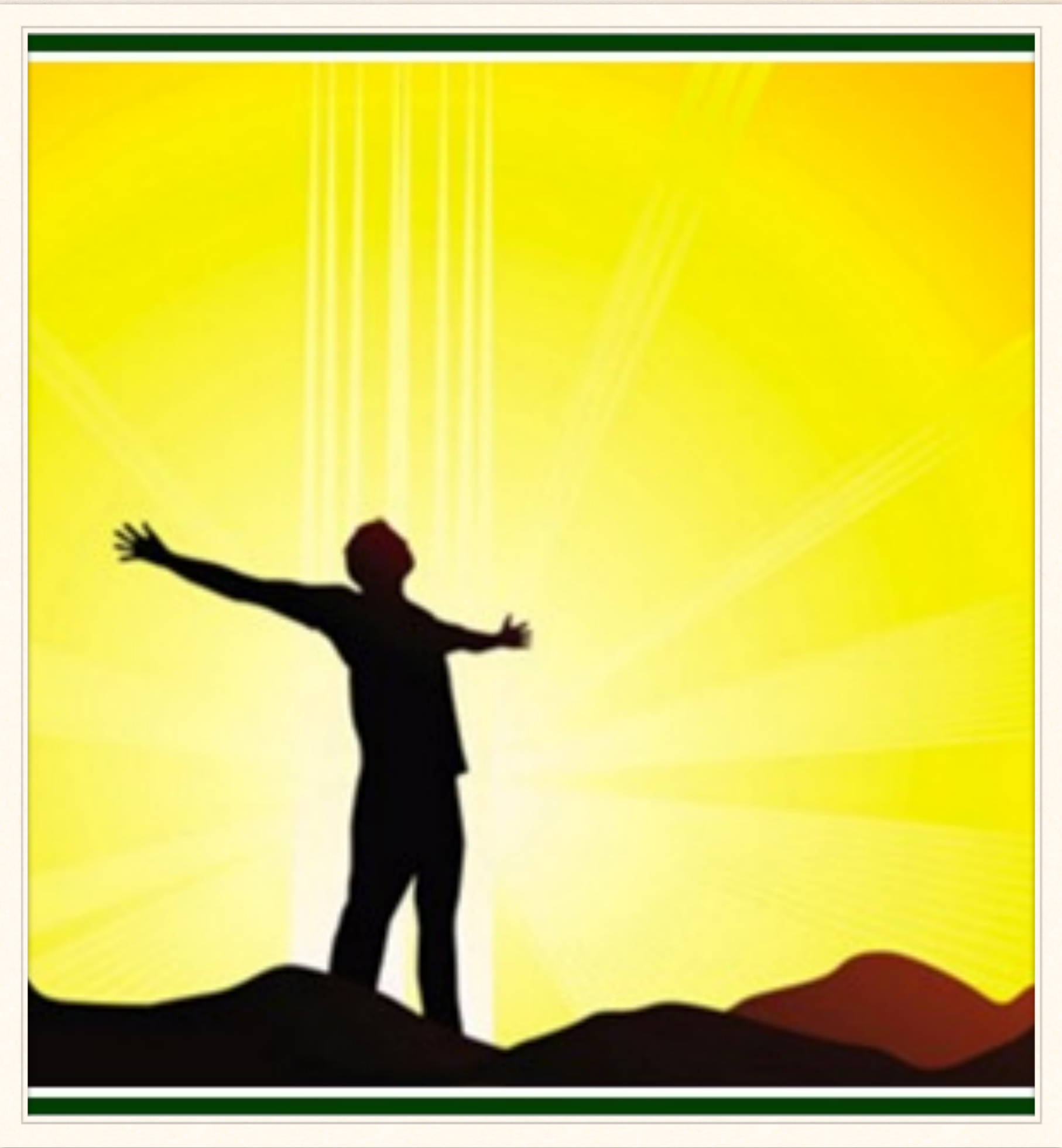
**I rejoiced greatly in the
Lord**



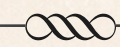
BE CONTENT
WHATEVER YOUR
CIRCUMSTANCES



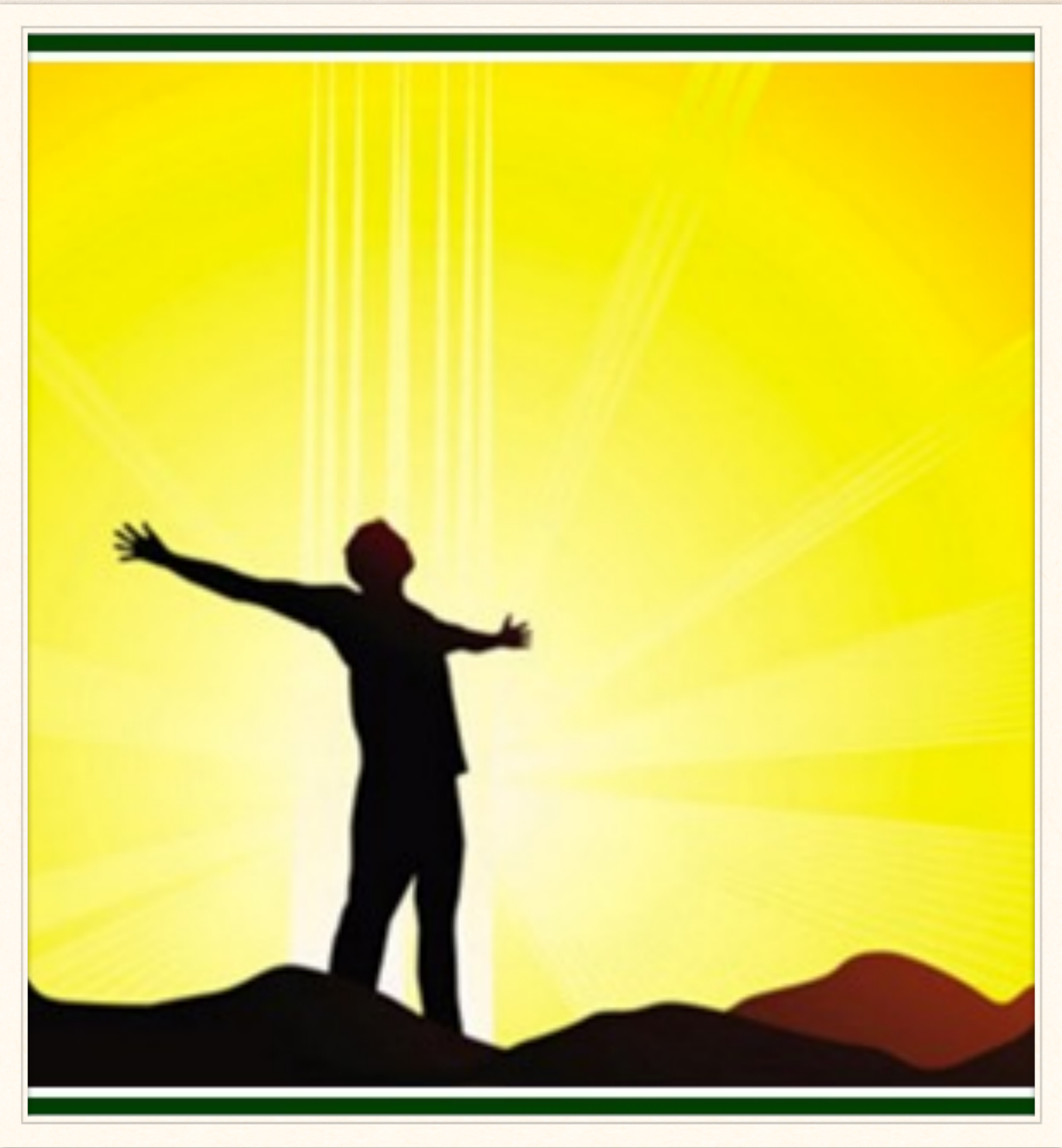
**“I am not saying this because I am
in need, for I have learned to be
content whatever the
circumstances.”
(Philippians 4:11)**



LOOK TO CHRIST
FOR YOUR
STRENGTH



**“I can do everything through
him who gives me strength.”
(Philippians 4:13)**



So the promise is not I can do anything I want but rather I can do everything God calls me to do through him who gives me strength. The secret to contentment is not self-sufficiency, but Christ-sufficiency.

The secret of contentment is a heart filled with Christ. You cannot be happy without Christ, and if you are not happy with Christ, nothing will make you happy

A high-angle, wide shot of a two-lane asphalt road winding through a dense forest. The road curves gently to the right in the distance. A person wearing a dark jacket and helmet is riding a motorcycle away from the camera on the right side of the road. The trees are mostly green, with some bare branches visible on the left side. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

