

# CONTENTMENT

**I have learned the secret!**



# *Paul learned the secret, have you?*

- *“...for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content” Phil. 4:11*
- *“...in every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need” Phil. 4:12*



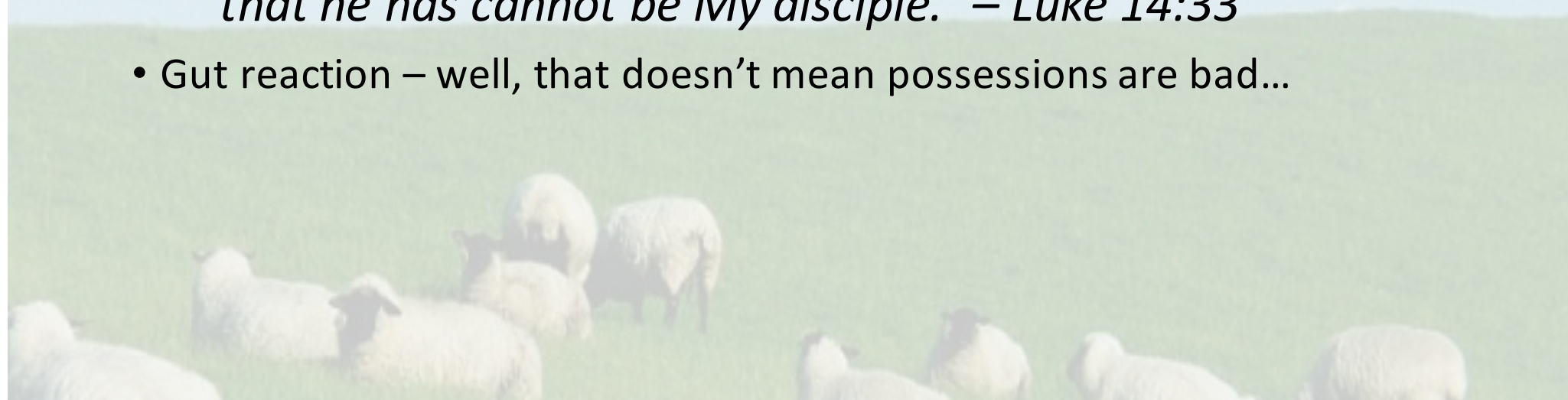
A large white yacht is shown on the water, viewed from a distance. The yacht has multiple decks and a prominent cabin structure. The water is dark and calm. The sky is a uniform brownish-grey color. The text 'Secret Of Contentment' is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

# Secret Of Contentment

I can't be

# *Simplicity or Contentment as a Discipline*

- Jesus essentially asked (Matt. 8) – do you really want to follow, knowing how uncomfortable it may be?
- Following Jesus will cost us dearly. Namely, any attachment to our stuff!
  - *“So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.” – Luke 14:33*
- Gut reaction – well, that doesn’t mean possessions are bad...



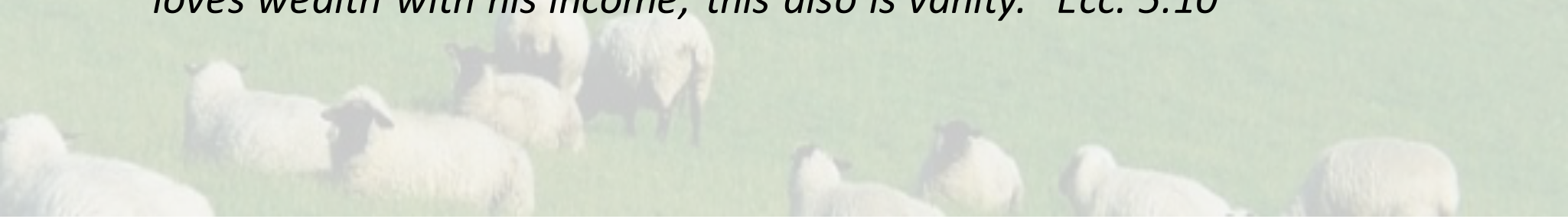
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- *“Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But **those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into senseless and harmful desires** that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For 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 Tim. 6:6-10.*

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- *“No servant can serve two masters, for 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 God and money.” Luke 16:13*
- *“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*
- *“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.” Ecc. 5:10*

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# bigger barns

MORE STUFF...Luke 12

Instead of \_\_\_\_\_

*How do you know when possessions/money are not dominating you?*

- When we can **sacrificially give** of them. Luke 12:32-34
- Your giving speaks louder than your words.
- Contented people abound in the work of giving. II Cor. 9:6-8

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I can be with God's help

## Pictures used from:

- <http://sb2w.org/spiritual-leadership-in-the-home-contentment-part-2/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYFi8-wZ0Eg>
- <http://frrick.me/2016/07/building-bigger-barns/>