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EVERLASTING GOSPEL
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ILLUSTRATION ON CONTENTMENT

There was one poor shoe mender who used to earn not more than four pence from his daily shoe-mending and was very happy and rendered songs of praise to God daily. He was satisfied with the little he had and was always rejoicing.

Closer to the poor man's house lived a rich man. This rich man had for long time noticed the joy of the poor shoe mender and he thought that if the poor man was given more he will be happier than he was.

One day, the rich man sent for the poor man and said, "Yes, I sent for you in order to give you some gifts". He gave him a reasonable sum of money. The poor man collected the money with fear and thanked the rich man, and went back to his house.

When he got back to his house, he kept the money at one corner of the house and sat down to think of what to do with it. Thoughts started flowing into his mind. The first thought that entered his mind was that he should build a better house which he saw as cardinal, but another thought also entered and suggested that he should marry a wife instead of building a house. Yet another thought suggested that he buy better clothes for himself. The fourth thought asked him to first go to the market and bring food stuff, cook and eat well before doing any thing. The poor man sat down thinking of what to do first with the money until it was night. He remained sitting at that point. He did not do anything that day, and he did not sing praise to God as was his tradition.

In the night, the poor man sat down and thought of whether he was going to keep the money under his bed but said no, thieves may find it. He dug a hole in the ground and buried it. Again he said no, thieves may find it when he is deep asleep. So he dug it out and kept it between his legs. Until dawn, he neither slept nor sang praises to God. The poor man became miserably sad and terribly uneasy.

Very early in the morning, the poor man hurriedly took the money, went to the rich man's house, knocked at the door and when the rich man opened the door, he threw the bag of money at his feet and said; ***"Please take back your money I do not want it, you have put me through so much trouble"***.

The poor man ran back to his house, feeling very free and resumed singing his songs of praise to God day and night according to his usual custom.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES:

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have for he hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Heb 13:5)

"So then they are in the flesh cannot please God" (Rom 8:8)