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**“the edge or border of something;  
an amount by which a thing is won  
or falls short.”**



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**“Margin is the space between our load and our limits. It is the amount allowed beyond that which is needed. It is something held in**



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reserve for contingencies or unanticipated situations. Margin is the gap between rest and exhaustion, the space between breathing freely and suffocating.”

*Dr. Richard Swensen*

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**“Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have**



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**enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.**



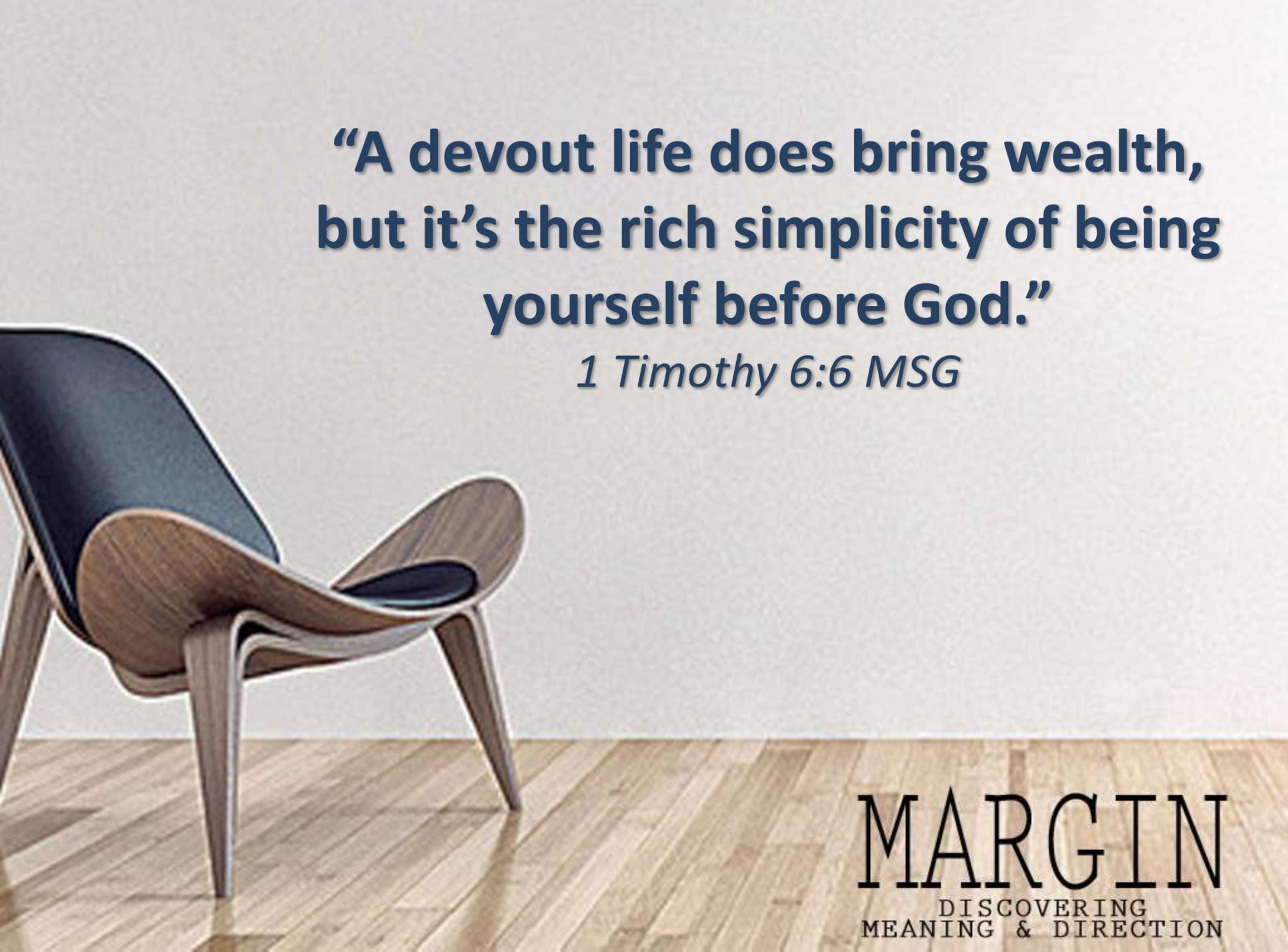
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**For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.”**

*1 Timothy 6:6-10 NLT*



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**“A devout life does bring wealth,  
but it’s the rich simplicity of being  
yourself before God.”**

*1 Timothy 6:6 MSG*

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**“Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight for the true faith.”**

*1 Timothy 6:11b-12a NLT*



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**Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use**

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**their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.**

*1 Timothy 6:17-19 NLT*

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- > the desire for wealth is unquenchable
    - > the promises of wealth are illusory
  - > the presence of wealth promotes anxiety
  - > the potential of wealth tends to facilitate inward thinking and selfishness
    - > the pursuit of wealth invites immoral suggestions to obtain even more
    - > the preoccupation of wealth tends to control a person's life

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**“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.**



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**Store your treasures in heaven,  
where moths and rust cannot  
destroy, and thieves do not break in  
and steal. Wherever your treasure  
is, there the desires of your  
heart will also be.**

*Matthew 6:19-21 NLT*

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**Financial MARGIN allows  
freedom to SERVE God  
and OTHERS.**



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