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But You Have

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A lesson in comparison and contentment.

Key Bible Verses: 1 Timothy 6:6, 7; Philippians 4:12, 13; 1 Corinthians 7:23, 24; John 19:28 - 30; 1 Corinthians 1:30, 31

Characters

STUDENT 1

STUDENT 2

Lights up.

STUDENT 1 and STUDENT 2 sit next to each other on chairs (or couch, etc.) facing the audience.

STUDENT 1: 1 Timothy 6, verses 6 and 7. "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."

STUDENT 2: You did *not* just buy that car.

STUDENT 1: Yes, I did.

STUDENT 2: You don't even have a driver's license.

STUDENT 1: I don't need a driver's license to save my money. I saved it, so I bought the car.

STUDENT 2: *(incredulous)* For...later?

STUDENT 1: *(rolling eyes)* Yeeeeees.

STUDENT 2: *(sighing)* It isn't fair. That's the nicest first car I've ever seen. My parents started talking about a *moped* the other day, and I almost started to cry. They didn't know I was listening, but after that I taped newspaper articles about motorcycle crashes in places I knew they'd see them.

STUDENT 1: Like where?

STUDENT 2: Like the dashboard of my mom's minivan.

STUDENT 1: What happened?

STUDENT 2: I don't know. But that article is missing, and I think she got the point.

STUDENT 1: So you did that *just* because they want to buy a moped?

STUDENT 2: They want to buy it for *me*. They said it's cheaper.

STUDENT 1: I guess. (*BEAT, realizing*) Wait a minute...but they're gonna pay for it?

STUDENT 2: (*disgusted*) Yes.

STUDENT 1: But that's great!

STUDENT 2: It's a *moped!*

STUDENT 1: It's *free!*

STUDENT 2: Yeah, but *you* have a *real* car!

STUDENT 1: *You* have a driver's license!

BEAT

STUDENT 2: (*nodding, realizing*) Oh yeah.

STUDENT 1 rolls his/her eyes.

STUDENT 1: You know, if you get a job you can save your own money.

STUDENT 2: I don't know how to do anything.

STUDENT 1: You know how to do lots of things!

STUDENT 2: Not the way you do.

STUDENT 1: I mow *grass*. That's not a talent. It's easy. It's stupid. *You* are an artist!

STUDENT 2: Yeah, but you have clients calling you every day.

STUDENT 1: You know how to take pictures. You could seriously be a photographer right now and make loads of cash.

STUDENT 2: You already have the people. People call you. They hire you. They pay you to cut their grass. I know you think you're not a big deal, but you are. Nobody even knows who I am. Not everybody wants to pay for pictures...because they can take the pictures for themselves.

STUDENT 1: But, they don't know how to take them the way *you* do. My own mother told me to ask you to teach me how to do it.

STUDENT 2: Why?

STUDENT 1: Because she thinks you'll be rich someday, and I'll just be the guy who mows your lawn for the rest of my life.

STUDENT 2: You have clients.

STUDENT 1: You have a camera.

STUDENT 2: You have a job.

STUDENT 1: You have a *career*.

STUDENT 1 and 2 sigh looking away from each other.

STUDENT 2: Hey, did your mom really say that about me?

STUDENT 1: Yes.

STUDENT 2: Hm. *(BEAT)* You have a nice mom. She trusts you. She compliments you all the time.

STUDENT 1: And then does nothing *with* me. *Your* dad, though...he does stuff with you every day. How many baseball games have you seen? How many concerts have you been to or...or how many VIP passes...hey, how many *musicians* have you met?

STUDENT 2: But, your mom *feeds you!* Every day.

BEAT

STUDENT 1: You really don't have it that bad.

STUDENT 2: Yes, I do.

STUDENT 1: You don't starve.

STUDENT 2: No. But, my parents get take-out all the time, and then they're hardly ever home so I usually have to eat it by myself. Your mom cooks and cleans and is always there when you come home and need something important.

STUDENT 1: But, that's all she does. Your parents take you places and teach you things and introduce you to interesting relatives. Our family reunions are full of old people. I've been to one of yours. *You* play soccer and grill pizzas and play...

STUDENT 2: Stupid games. Your family doesn't embarrass you the way mine does.

STUDENT 1: Your family doesn't smell.

STUDENT 2: Your family laughs.

STUDENT 1: Your family talks.

STUDENT 2: *(challenging)* Oh yeah?

STUDENT 1: Yeah!

STUDENT 1 & 2: Your family wins.

STUDENT 1 and 2 turn away from each other once again, disgusted.

STUDENT 1: But, you always seem so...happy.

STUDENT 2 sobers. STUDENT 1 seems somewhat upset.

STUDENT 2: *(surprised)* Me?

STUDENT 1: Yes, *you*. You don't worry about anything. People like you.

STUDENT 2: Yeah, but you're not afraid of anything either. People like *you*.

STUDENT 1: You don't care what people think at all. Not about what you wear, the things you do...even the things you say. You just...*are*.

STUDENT 2: *(surprised, thoughtful)* Yeah. *(BEAT)* But you don't care what people say. At least, not anymore. Not the way you used to. You do the things you do because of *who* you are. They like that. People trust that.

STUDENT 1: *(doubtful)* Hm. *(BEAT)* Maybe. But, you know it isn't easy. I don't *always* trust. I'm not *always* so confident. Sometimes I'm a good pretender.

STUDENT 2: So am I. *(BEAT)* But, you know what? I *do* know that you love God...and you love Him because He first loved you. You serve Him despite what people say, despite what people think you should believe or who they think you should follow. And then you care about those people anyway, because He cares about you. *(BEAT)* Maybe it isn't about *you*.

STUDENT 1: *(thoughtful, with kindness)* Hm. Maybe it isn't about *you*, either.

STUDENT 2 nods thoughtfully.

STUDENT 1: *(continued)* It is true, though...that what He says about us matters most of all. I forget that sometimes.

STUDENT 2: Me too. But we can trust what He says about us...

STUDENT 1: ...because He does not lie about who we are.

STUDENT 2: No.

STUDENT 1: This is who I am.

STUDENT 2: Yes. Me, too. This is who I am. *(BEAT, to the audience)* "...In every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

STUDENT 1: Philippians 4, verses 12 and 13.

Lights down.

Discussion Questions:

1. List some things other people have that you wish you had. Why do you think you need or want these things?
2. Sometimes we have things or people or situations in our lives that we *don't* want as a part of our existence. Why does this make it more difficult to be content?
3. What does God say about us in His Word? Read 1 Corinthians 7:23, 24.
4. What *price* has been paid for you? Read John 19:28 - 30.
5. It's difficult to keep ourselves from comparing our lives with others. But instead, do this: read 1 Corinthians 1:30, 31.