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sb is dead set against sth = sb is strongly opposed to sth

is bent on doing sth = is determined to do sth

is bent on having sth = is determined to have/get sth

sb is loaded = sb has a lot of money; sb is rich

sb is on the same wavelength = sb is thinking the same thing as sb else; sb is thinking the same way

don't see eye to eye with sb = don't have the same opinion as sb

back down = give up your opinion/idea and accept sb else's

contentment = the state of being happy and satisfied

Mr. Jones was a rich businessman who was set on doing as much as he could to make more money. Billy was a poor fisherman, who was dead set against spending all of his time working.

One day at the beach, Mr. Jones was shocked to see Billy lying beside his boat while smoking a cigarette.

Mr. Jones said, "Why aren't you out fishing?"

Billy replied, "Because I caught enough fish for the day."

"Why don't you catch some more?"

"What would I do with them?"

"You could sell more fish for more money. With that money you could buy a big motor for your boat, then you could go into deeper water and catch more fish. Then you would earn enough money to buy better nets. Those nets would help you catch more fish to earn even more money. Soon you would have enough money to buy more boats to catch a lot of fish every day. If you are bent on doing more work, then you could be loaded like me."

"What would I do then?" asked the fisherman.

The businessman replied: "Then you would REALLY enjoy life."

Billy smiled and said: "What do you think I am doing right now?"



Questions:

1. What are you bent on *doing* or *having*? What are you doing *now* that shows your determination?
2. Now that COVID-19 has affected us for over a year, some people are dead set against wearing a mask. Do you agree or disagree with them? What would you say to someone like that?
3. Were the businessman and the fisherman on the same wavelength? Explain. (If you can, use the "lazy" or "bent on having" in your answer.) Give us your definition of either a "lazy" or a "loaded" person.
4. Which person in this story do you think you would more likely see eye to eye with: the businessman or the fisherman? Why?
5. Share about one time that you didn't see eye to eye with somebody. In that situation, did one of you finally back down? Why or why not?
6. Without leaving this state and without spending a lot of money, if you could spend **one day** only doing things you really enjoy, how would you spend that day? Also, share why you would enjoy those things so much.
7. If you won or earned a lot more money, how do you think the money would change your life? (You can talk about things like your character, your family, your relationships, your lifestyle, etc.)
8. Do you think Mr. Jones or Billy has more contentment? Being as realistic as possible, describe what "contentment" would look like in your life. Also, explain why this will be such a satisfying life for you.

If you have more time, read and discuss this Bible passage:

⁶ It is true that serving God makes a person rich; (it brings contentment) if he is satisfied with what he has. ⁷ When we came into the world, we brought nothing. And when we die, we can take nothing out. ⁸ So, if we have food and clothes, we will be satisfied with that. ⁹ Those who want to become rich bring temptation to themselves. They are caught in a trap. They begin to want many foolish things that will hurt them, things that ruin and destroy people. ¹⁰ The love of money causes all kinds of evil. Some people have left the true faith because they want to get more and more money. But they have caused themselves much sorrow. (1 Tim 6 ICB)

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Content questions:

- What is the name of the businessman?
- What is Billy's job?
- What shocked Mr. Jones, and why?
- Why did Mr. Jones think that Billy should work harder?

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