

Holy Living: In Relation to Ourselves

(Part 2 – Being Content)

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Main Idea: Living a holy life of worship requires that we guard our hearts from covetousness, learning to be content by putting our trust in the Lord!

1. _____ your heart against the deceitful wickedness of covetousness & the love of money! (5a)

- Covetousness & the love of money is a sin, which is often subtle, hidden, _____ and praised in this world. (Rom 7:7-8, Luke 12:13-21)
- Covetousness & the love of money is a sin that will never be _____. (Eccl 5:10)
- Covetousness & the love of money is a sin that harmfully plunges many into _____ ruin & destruction! (1 Tim 6:6-10, Ps 62:10)
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2. _____ to be content with what you have! (v. 5b, Phil 4:11-13)

- Learn that being discontent in any circumstance is a _____ against God!
- Learn to cultivate contentment by _____ to yourself about God's faithfulness!

- 1) Start with yourself by realizing what you _____.
- 2) Realize that God is _____ all the time.
- 3) Realize that God is omniscient & _____ what you need. (Luke 12:30, Ps 37:25)
- 4) Realize that God is sovereign over the _____ of wealth. (1 Sam 2:7, 1 Tim 6:17-19)
- 5) Realize what _____ riches are: Spiritual blessings! (Col 3:2, Eph 1:3-14)
- 6) Keep your _____ on eternity rather than the present!

3. _____ in God who promises to provide & help His children! (v. 5c-6, Gen 28:15, Deut 31:6-8, Josh 1:5)

Application Questions:

1. Is there an example in your life where the world's marketing techniques (using discontentment) tempted you to buy something that you didn't really need? What can you take away from that experience that will help you learn how to avoid that temptation in the future?
2. What are some ways that covetousness & greed express itself in your life?
3. In what areas of your life are you NOT content?
4. Recount all the ways the Lord has blessed you & provided for you in the past!
5. If you have wealth, how can you overcome being "conceited" & what specific steps should you take so that your heart does not become idolatrous toward your possessions, comfort, & security?

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