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Countercultural Christians

Contentment Instead of Materialism

Part 3



1. Fight _____ (v.5a)

Hebrews 13:5-6

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (NIV)

2. Celebrate _____ (v.5b)

3. Be _____ (vv.5c-6)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Describe how thankfulness & greed tend to be mutually exclusive?
2. Read **Exodus 20:17**. Why do you speculate that God has chosen to make this such a prominent and foundational command in Scripture?

How does our culture encourage and enflame the discontentment that accompanies materialism?

3. Read **Matthew 6:25-34**. How do Jesus' words in this passage address the concerns and anxieties you encounter in your daily life? Which part of this passage challenges you and ministers to you the most?
4. The call to "be content with what we have" is often viewed as a negative command. But as God tells us in **1 Timothy 6:17** contentment includes a thoughtful "enjoyment" of the things he has given us. Describe how you might purposefully "enjoy" the material blessings God has granted you.
5. Of course, it is supremely important to cherish the Giver above the gifts. How is this done? What practical steps are involved in this important practice?
6. How sure are you that God will take care of you and provide what you really need? What difference should this assurance make in your daily life?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

November 25th

Dan. 7-8 & 1Pt. 1

November 26th

Dan. 9-10 & 1Pt. 2

November 27th

Dan. 11-12 & 1Pt. 3

November 28th

Hos. 1-2 & 1Pt. 4-5

November 29th

Hos. 3-4 & 2Pt. 1

November 30th

Hos. 5-6 & 2Pt. 2

December 1st

Hos. 7-8 & 2Pt. 3

December 2nd

Hos. 9-10 & 1Jn. 1

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 9825 – **The Sins Christians Tolerate: A Craving for Money**

CD # 0322 – **Where You're Planted: When the Grass Looks Greener**

CD # 0416 – **Money, Money, Money: A Truncated Theology of Green Paper**

CD # 0417 – **Using Money for Good: Making Sense of Offerings, Tithing & Temple Taxes**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org**.)

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

Benton, John. **Christians in a Consumer Culture**. Christian Focus, 1999.

Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Buford, Bob. **Halftime: Changing Your Game Plan from Success to Significance**. Zondervan, 1994.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. **The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1981.

Getz, Gene. **Biblical Theology of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1991.

_____. **Real Prosperity: Biblical Principles of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1990.

Horn, Connie Beyer. **I Have Enough**. [Children's book: Ages 4-7.] Concordia Publishing, 1999.

Pao, David W. **Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme**. InterVarsity Press, 2003.

Rainey, Barbara. **Thanksgiving: A Time to Remember**. Crossway Books, 2003.