

You're Richer than You Think: Part 2

Contentment: 1 Timothy 6:3-10

Following Jesus results in healthy habits but ignoring unhealthy tendencies leads to pain.

Discontentment is fueled by focusing on what we don't have.

3 ways to overcome discontentment:

1. If you lack of self-control make a _____ and stick to it.

(Proverbs 13:16; 21:5)

A budget is telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went. – Dave Ramsey.

2. If you're in Debt _____ and _____ it!

(Proverbs 22:7; 22:26-27; 6:1-5)

3. If you're a hoarder, store up _____.

(Proverbs 10:4-5, 21:20, Luke 12:13-21)

Our society, has an unhealthy relationship with money and wealth.

Conformity to a sick society is to be sick. –Richard Foster.

Contentment is fueled by focusing on _____.

Application:

What financial decision can I make in order to starve unhealthy cravings and promote healthy habits?

Life Group Questions

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Review Sunday's teaching. Write down all of your observations, questions and comments.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Read 1 Timothy 6:3-10. What questions arise when you read this passage? What are some things that you find really interesting or stand out to you?

Discuss the phrase "imagining that godliness is a means of gain." What do you think it means? How do we sometimes end up using God as a means to our own desires? Contrast this with the phrase, "there is great gain in godliness with contentment."

What would you add to 'food and shelter' as things you need to be content? Would you be happy if all you had was food and shelter? Why does Paul say that this is enough? Compare this principle with Ecclesiastes 5:1-12 and Hebrews 13:5. Do you agree with these passages? Why or why not?

In verse 9 there is a list of dangers that result of desiring to get rich. What are they? Where do you see these kinds of things in our culture? In your own life? Have you had experiences that you've learned from when it comes to seeking to be rich?

Are there practices that you have implemented in your finances that have helped you to seek godliness and contentment that you could share with the group? ***What is one financial decision that you can make this week in order to starve unhealthy cravings and promote healthy habits?*** Pray for one another in the area of finances as you share your struggles, temptations and goals.