

Content Or Discontent

God's Top Ten Sermon Series - Message # 10
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You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor. Exodus 20:17 (NAS)

Wrong Beliefs That Feed Discontentment:

- ◆ The Belief That _____ Will Be _____.

Result: _____

- ◆ The Belief That _____ This Happens _____ I'll Be Content.

Result: _____

- ◆ The Belief That My _____ Is Based On How _____ Are Doing.

Result: _____

Covet = "to desire earnestly," "to set the heart and mind upon anything".

And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); for a man's life does not consist in and is not derived from possessing overflowing abundance or that which is over and above his needs. Luke 12:15 (AMP)

But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. ⁷For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. I Timothy 6:6-7 (NAS)

5 Indicators Of A Discontented Life:

1. _____

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. ⁵Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. Proverbs 23:4-5 (NIV)

2. _____

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT)

3. _____

As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? Ecclesiastes 5:11 (NIV)

4. _____

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. Ecclesiastes 5:12 (NIV)

5. _____

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? James 4:1 (NLT)

At The Core of the 10th Command is God's Desire for Our _____ and

_____.

How To Be Content:

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. Philippians 4:12 (NIV)

A. Stop _____.

For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.

II Corinthians 10:12 (NAS)

B. Practice _____.

Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)

And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. ²⁰ God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past. Ecclesiastes 5:19-20 (NLT)

C. Celebrate When God _____

_____.

Rejoice with those who rejoice [sharing others' joy], and weep with those who weep [sharing others' grief]. Romans 12:15 (AMP)

D. Practice _____.

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. I Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)