

Learning To Be Content

SERIES: TEN VALUES THAT BUILD STRONG FAMILIES
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Key Verse:

Exodus 20:16 (NIV)

"You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor."

"COVET": The _____ Desire To Acquire.

I. The Disease Of Always Wanting More!!

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Pr. 23:4 (NIV)

"Do not wear yourself out to be rich; have the wisdom to show restraint."

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Ecc 5:11 (LB)

"The more money you have, the more money you spend..."

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Ecc 5:12 (GN)

"A working man ... can get a good night's sleep. But the rich man has so much that he stays awake worrying."

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James 4:1 (NIV)

"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from the desires that battle with you?"

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Ecc. 5:10 (GN)

"You will never be satisfied if you long to be rich. You will never get all you want."
(LB) "It's foolish to think wealth brings happiness!"

Phil 4:12 (NIV)

(Paul) "I have learned the secret of being content... whether living in plenty or in want."

II. Learning Contentment...

1. _____ Comparing Myself To Others.

2 Cor. 10:12 (NRSV)

"We do not dare classify or compare ourselves ... it is not wise."

[See Also I Tim. 6:9 (JB)]

2. _____ In What I Do Have.

Ecc 5:19 (GN)

"If God gives a man wealth and property .. he should be grateful and enjoy what he has... it is a gift from God."

[See Also Eccl. 6:9 (GN)]

3. _____ What I Have To Help Others.

I Tim. 6:17-19 (LB)

"Tell those who are rich, not to be proud and not to trust in their money which will soon be gone. Tell them to use their money to do good ... to give happily to those in need, always with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity!"

Four Precautions In 1 Timothy...

1. Don't become _____ of your wealth.

2. Don't put your _____ in _____.

3. Use your _____ to do good.

4. _____ cheerfully.

Acts 20:35 (GN)

"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."

4. _____ On What's Going To Last.

2 Cor. 4:18 (TEV)

"We fix our attention, not on the things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever."

[See Also Luke 12:15 (TEV)]

ANSWER KEY:

Uncontrolled; Fatigue; Debt; Worry; Conflict; Dissatisfaction; Resist; Rejoice; Release; Proud; Trust; Money; Give; Refocus