

Gospel Contentment

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Hebrews 13:5-6

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Contentment is An Expression of the Gospel!

Contentment is cultivated by pulling the weeds of greed and building your life on God and His Gracious Promises

1. We must cultivate Contentment

- The world constantly seeks to make us. Phil^{4:11}
- The world constantly seeks to make us feel discontentment Gen 3:1; advertising

Some might ask, "Is it wrong to seek to better our circumstances through hard work or better income?"

- Balance in holding seemingly opposite truths in tension
 - Bible condemns laziness & calls us to work hard to provide for our family's needs Pr10:4-5;24:30-34;1Tim5:8;2Thes3:10
 - Wealth is sometimes a sign of God's blessing Ps112:1-3
 - We're commanded to manage our possessions carefully and plan for the future Prv6:6-11;13:22;15:6;21:5;27:23-27
 - We're warned about dangers of wealth Pr11:28;Mt19:23;1Tim6:9-10

2. Contentment comes when we kill our greed & selfish desires

- Acknowledge God own all that you have Ps24:1;1Cor6:19-20
- Put your treasure where you want your heart to be Mt6:21
- Live in light of eternity Mt6:19-20
- Seek to use your resources for giving for God's glory Eph4:28
we no longer bound by tithe Num18:26;Dt14:22;2Chr31:5
we now give with Gospel generosity 2Cor9:8

3. Contentment comes when we trust God & His promises

- Contentment comes from trusting God Himself, NOT from what you want God to give you!
 - Israel in wilderness Ps78:18-22
 - Rachel's focus on a child Gen30:1,24;35:19
 - Delight yourself in God Ps37:4, not what He can provide
 - Psalm 73 – even the Psalmist struggled
- Contentment is found as we rest in God's Promises
 - v5 has 5 negatives. Hymn: *I'll never, no never, no never forsake*
 - v6 - The Lord is our helper – that's the Glorious Gospel!