

MEMORIZE

Hebrews 13:5 – “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.”

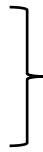
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Forsake: Forget about, reject, turn one’s back on

God promises that, when we trust Him and live life His way, He will not just help us to be content, but He will provide for our needs. Sometimes, He’ll give us our “wants” (things that we want) too, but always He provides for our needs. Trust Him!

NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John



These four book are called “the Gospels.” Gospel means “good news.” They tell the story, the good news of Jesus.

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“ROAR” (that’s lion for “Well done!”)

..... (name of Clubber) has finished
“Contentment.” Well done!

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CONTENTMENT



Every day, ads on the internet, TV, radio, billboards, magazines, etc. tell us that we “need” something. They try to convince us that we need a certain bike, toy, candy, phone, video game, experience, etc. to make us happy. These ads try to make us feel “discontent,” not content or happy with our lives as they are. But God’s Word, the Bible, says different. God tells us that, whether we are rich or poor, whether we have lots of stuff or very little, we can be happy, we can be content.

If you had \$1000, what three things would you buy?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



How badly do you want these things?

- I can easily live without them.
- I would really like them.
- I want them really badly because

These ads try to convince us that we can’t live without certain things. Remember, back in Worksheet #12, we learned that it’s like there’s a space in hearts, meant to be filled by God. But, these ads try to convince us to fill this space with stuff instead of Him.

REVIEW

Blaise Pascal: “There is a God-shaped vacuum (space) in the heart of every person which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus.”

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So, the first step to being happy or content is to invite God into your life, into your heart. We do this by believing that Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, by asking Him to forgive us of our sins, and by trusting Him, shown by living our lives His way, and not our way. When we do these things, God comes into our hearts, and we start a relationship with Him. When this happens, He helps us to be more content in life.

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Philippians 4:12-13 – “I have learned the secret of being content in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

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Write the verses above, that you just memorized, in your own words:

Isn't that amazing! Through Christ (Jesus), we can do anything! This doesn't mean we can jump across the Grand Canyon through Christ, or swim across the ocean through Christ. It means we can be like Jesus through Jesus. And, since Jesus was content, we too can be content through the strength He gives us.

On a scale of 1 (not content at all) to 10 (extremely content), how content are you (circle one)? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How does it make you feel to realize that Jesus will help you to be more and more content, more and more like Him?

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As you get older, one thing that can easily take the place of God in your life is money. We need money to buy food and clothing, and to pay for a place to live in, but money can easily become THE THING that you live for, and we need to be so careful, so that it doesn't.



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1 Timothy 6:10 – “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.”

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Root: Source, beginning
Craving: Wanting it badly

Give three ways that you might know if money is starting to take the place of God in your heart?

1.
2.
3.

Loving money keeps us from being content. One rich man was once asked how much money is enough. His answer:

“Just a little bit more!”

In other words, when you love money, you never have enough. (By the way, it's not bad to be rich. It's bad when you love your riches more than you love God.) But, when God is the most important, less money is okay because He helps us to be content, and He provides for us, His children.