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Contentment

Tell me what you are learning about contentment? I have been a slower learner on the topic. **How so?** Somewhere, along the way, I bought into the idea that I have needed to have the newest and latest and greatest next thing. **How satisfying has that been for you?** Things have never satisfied me, I don't care how new and great and desirable they seem to be at the time. It has taken only hours, sometimes days or maybe weeks at most, for the latest and greatest thing I have acquired to become yesterday's old news. **Then the pursuit of something new that promises to be even more satisfying begins again, is that true?** Yes, seeking satisfaction and contentment by acquiring things has been like a treadmill that never ends. **I'll bet you would like to get off that treadmill of false promises.** Yes, I would.

Why is it foolish to make your life all about pursuing money and acquiring things? I will never be able to take money or possessions with me into the next life. The richest man ever in this life could end up being the poorest man in the next life. **Why is that?** They will have invested their life in what will end up amounting to nothing. Loving and pursuing money is a path that leads away from you. It is impossible to love money and to love you. Loving money leads to a self-indulgent, self-centered and self-sufficient life. The poorest people in the next life will not have known you. They will have not lived in a relationship with you. They will have not known or done your will. They will not have borne fruit for your kingdom or brought glory to your name. They will not have loved, followed and served you as their Savior and Lord. They will have received the temporary, momentary glory of this world. They will have lived as if they were their own god. They will have loved and worshipped money and possessions as their idols. **That is not what you want, is it?** No, it is not.

What do you want? What will make you content? I will be content to know and love you. I will be content to have known your will and walked in your ways. I will be content to have done what is pleasing in your sight. I will be content to have borne fruit for your kingdom and brought glory to your name. **That's it?** That's it. **As you do these things, that will make you content, what do you know about me?** I know that you love me. I know that you will be caring for me. I know that you be with me every day as I love, follow and serve you. **Yes, I do love you. Yes, I am taking care of you. Yes, I will be with you every day of your life.** There is great contentment in knowing that. **That's right.**

Lord, I have not been content. I have had a continual desire for more. I have always wanted the newest and latest and greatest next thing. Forgive me. Help me to learn to be content and free from the love of money because I know you are taking care of me. Amen

Freedom *The Love Of Money*

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."

NIV Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *Don't Love Money*

Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."

NLT Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *The Love Of Money*

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

NRSV Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *Love Of Money*

Let your character *or* moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you *nor* give you up *nor* leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless *nor* forsake *nor* let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]

AMP Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *The Love Of Money*

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

NASB Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *Love Of Money*

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

ESV Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *Without Covetousness*

Let your conduct be without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*"

ESV Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *Obsessed With Getting More*

Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,"

MSG Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *The Love Of Money*

Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never, *never* fail you nor forsake you."

TLB Hebrews 13:5

Freedom *The Love Of Money*

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have. God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never forget you."

NCV Hebrews 13:5

The Love Of Money

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Freedom – Hebrews 13:5

In Context: *Read Hebrews 13*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is it foolish to let your life be all about acquiring money and gaining possessions?

When has a love of money led you to make a poor decision in life?

When have you allowed a love for money to establish your priorities in life?

Why will a love for money lead you down dangerous and destructive paths in life?

Why will a love of money and gaining material possessions never leave you satisfied?

How is knowing that the Lord is taking care of you helping you to learn to be content?

How is your love for God and His love for you, helping you to learn to be content?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Be content and free from the love of money because the Lord is taking care of you.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that you can be content and free from the love of money because the Lord is taking care of you.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are learning to be content and free from the love of money.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be content and free from the love of money because the Lord is taking care of you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will be content and free from the love of money because you are taking care of me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I learn to be content and free from the love of money because you are taking care of me?
