

LEARNING TO BE CONTENT

Ten Values That Build Strong Families - Part 10

"You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor." Exodus 20:16

"COVET": the _____ desire to acquire

I. THE EFFECT OF ALWAYS WANTING MORE

"Do not wear yourself out to be rich; have the wisdom to show restraint." Proverbs 23:4

"The more money you have, the more money you spend..." Ecclesiastes 5:11 (LB)

"A working man ... can get a good night's sleep. But the rich man has so much that he stays awake worrying." Ecclesiastes 5:12 (GN)

"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from the desires that battle with you?" James 4:1

"You will never be satisfied if you long to be rich. You will never get all you want." Ecclesiastes 5:10 (GN)

(LB) *"It's foolish to think wealth brings happiness!"*
(Paul) *"I have learned the secret of being content... whether living in plenty or in want." Philippians 4:12*

II. HOW TO LEARN CONTENTMENT

1. _____ COMPARING MYSELF TO OTHERS.
"We do not dare classify or compare ourselves ... it is not wise." 2 Corinthians 10:12

"When we long to be rich, we are a prey to temptation; We get trapped into all sorts of foolish and dangerous ambitions which eventually plunge us into ruin." I Tim. 6:9 (JB)

2. _____ IN WHAT I DO HAVE.
"If God gives a man wealth and property .. he should be grateful and enjoy what he has... it is a gift from God." Ecclesiastes 5:19(GN)

"It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else." Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GN)

3. _____ WHAT I HAVE TO HELP OTHERS.
"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!" I Timothy 6:17-19 (LB)

"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35 (GN)

4. _____ ON WHAT'S GOING TO LAST.
"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." 2 Corinthians 4:18

"A man's true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be.