

THE WAY: Contentment!

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and ***broad is the road that leads to destruction***, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and ***narrow the road that leads to life***, and only a few find it.”

- **Matthew 7:13-14 NIV**

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. - **1 Timothy 6:6-8 NIV**

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you...’ This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is ***not rich toward God***.” - **Luke 12:16-21 NIV**

THE WIDE PATH TOWARD DESTRUCTION

1. Become _____ At Being _____ !

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be ***thankful***, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. - **Hebrews 12:28 NIV**

2. _____ What You Have To People Who Have _____ !

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, ***they are not wise***. - **2 Corinthians 10:12 NIV**

3. Pursue Temporary _____ Over Eternal _____ !

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of ***greed***; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his ***possessions***.” - **Luke 12:15 NIV**

4. _____ God For Where You Are In _____ !

“You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?” - **Psalms 43:2 NIV**

5. Develop An _____ Of _____ !

For the wages of ***sin is death***. - **Romans 6:23 NIV**

THE NARROW WAY

A. _____ Turns What I Have Into _____ !

B. What Christ _____ Is _____ Than Enough!

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may ***gain Christ***. - **Philippians 7:8 NIV**

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Why do you think it’s so easy to go after temporary stuff instead of eternal treasure?
- What is the biggest source of discontentment in your life?
- What is the one thing you think you need to be fully happy? Does it offer anything that Jesus can’t?

- Read Luke 12:16-21. In what ways are you *rich toward God*?
- Which one of the five above do you identify with the most? Why?
- How we live reveals what we believe. Read Philippians 4:11-13. Discuss how Christ is more than enough in your greatest discontentment?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week for contentment?