

CONTENTMENT

EPISODE 1 OF 5

NEVER IN HISTORY DO WE HAVE SO MUCH, YET CRAVE SO MUCH MORE.

ENVY: THE UNCONTROLLED DESIRE TO ACQUIRE

DEFINITION: ENVY IS RESENTING GOD'S GOODNESS IN SOMEONE ELSES LIFE AND IGNORING HIS GOODNESS IN OUR OWN LIFE.

MAIN IDEA: IN CHRIST, I CAN MASTER CONTENTMENT

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of <u>being content</u> in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through [Christ] who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:12-13

1. WE WILL KILL COMPARISONS

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 <u>not wise</u>. 2 Corinthians 10:12

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. James 3:16

2. WE WILL CULTIVATE GRATITUDE.

For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast. Proverbs 15:15

Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have... Ecclesiastes 6:9

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3. RELEASE WHAT YOU HAVE TO OTHERS

There is more happiness in giving than in receiving. Acts 20:35

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THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT BEING DISCONTENT AND ENVY IS THROUGH GIVING YOURSELF AWAY!