

LEARNING TO BE CONTENT

Exodus 20:17 "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor."

"COVET": the _____ desire to acquire what others have

I. THE EFFECT OF ALWAYS COVETING

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"Do not weary yourself to gain wealth." Pr. 23:4a
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"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money" Eccl. 5:10
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"The sleep of the working man is pleasant, whether he eats little or much; but the full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep..." Eccl 5:12
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"What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?" James 4:1
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*"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money" Eccl. 5:10
(LB) "It's foolish to think wealth brings happiness!"
"I have learned the secret of being content... whether living in plenty or in want."
Phil 4:12*

II. HOW TO LEARN CONTENTMENT

1. _____ COMPARING MYSELF TO OTHERS.
*"For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves" 2 Cor. 10:12
"But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction." 1 Tim. 6:9*
2. _____ IN WHAT I DO HAVE.
*"...for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth...this is the gift of God.
Eccl 5:19*

3. _____ WHAT I HAVE TO HELP OTHERS.
*"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed." 1 Tim 6:17-19
"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 (GN)*

4. _____ ON WHAT'S GOING TO LAST.
*"...we are not looking at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen. For what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. 2 Cor. 4:18
Then he said to them, "Watch out and guard yourself from all types of greed, because one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15*