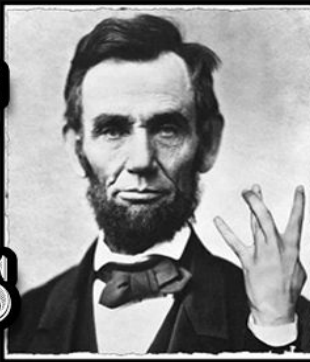


# ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS



## ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS, PART 2: HOW TO HAVE IT ALL

Is it possible to “have it all” without all of the “stuff”? We crave more money and more stuff because of what they seem to give us. Having lots of money in the bank gives us a sense of security. Having stuff available gives us a sense of peace. However, if we aren’t careful, our stuff can have us.

**BIG IDEA: If you don’t get a hold of contentment, your money will take hold of you.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever found yourself constantly on the hunt for more? If you could have more\_\_\_\_, what would it be? When would you have enough?
2. Where’s the balance between being content and yet trying to better your situation or solve certain problems?
3. With your Bible or Bible App, read Philippians 4:10-13

*How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn’t have the chance to help me. 11 Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

*Philippians 4:10-13 (NLT)*

4. What were Paul’s circumstances at this time (see Phil. 1:13-14)? How do you think Paul discovered the “secret of contentment” while in prison: By reading the scriptures? By going to temple everyday? By getting what he wanted when he wanted it? By graduating from “Hard Knocks” University?
5. In this section does Paul seem to be egotistical or and independent or grateful and reliant on God and others? How hard is it to have the right attitude in Paul’s circumstances?
6. During the message Carlo said, “If your money is slipping through your fingers, then you definitely don’t have a hold of it!” Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not? How does money impact our contentment?
7. Along with money issues, what other outside force is most likely to to upset your contentment?
8. How can Paul’s attitude toward giving and receiving help you grasp contentment? What does true contentment look like in your life?
9. What was your biggest takeaway from this weekend’s message?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What do you feel God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? In other words, what’s your next step? What do you need to start doing this week in order to practice contentment and better money management? How can this group help you and pray for you this week?