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UNSHAKABLE Contentment

Part 5 | 3-10-19 | Pastor Dan Cymbal

The fear of the Lord leads to LIFE; then one <u>rests content</u>, untouched by trouble. Proverbs 19:23 NIV



BUDGET AMT. ACTUAL INCOME NET DIFFERENCE

GENERAL \$ 219,981 \$ 188,539 -\$ 31,442

MAKING WAVES \$ 44,143 \$ 52,449 +\$ 8,306

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DISCONTENTMENT IS...

DECEPTIVE

<u>I would not have known</u> what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

Romans 7:7 NIV

Coveting can be...

- √ Material
- √ Relational
- √ Circumstantial

DESTRUCTIVE

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

Comparison makes life about...

- √ The wrong perspective
- √ The wrong <u>presumption</u>
- √ The wrong **person**

THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Philippians 4:11-12 NIV

1. Stop **COMPARING**.

I can do all this through (Christ) who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 NIV

But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

James 3:14-16 NIV

2. Celebrate what you HAVE.

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

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

Proverbs 15:15 NLT

Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have.

Ecclesiastes 6:9 NLT

3. Develop a **GENEROUS** heart.

I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:18-19 NIV

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25 NIV