



Series: True Riches

Sermon: Part 3: From Coveting To Contentment

Date: Sunday, January 26th, 2025

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” (Exodus 20:17)

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Hebrews 13:4-5

God came to teach His followers that true _____ comes from Him alone, not from material possessions.

“I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 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. I can do all this through Him Who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:10-13)

Paul’s trust was solely in Jesus to care and provide for him and not in himself, people, possessions, or even in circumstances.

If we trust in our stuff or circumstances, we will never be _____.

Contentment ultimately lies in our _____.

“Without Me, you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

The _____ that Paul is referring to is his ability to be content and to trust in God - when he had plenty or even when he experienced loss.

“In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.” (2 Corinthians 8:2)

Contentment is found in putting others' well-being above our own.

Content people are _____ people.

Coveting says: *“I want what is yours and I need more.”* Contentment says: *“What I have from God is enough and it can also be yours.”*



Giving releases our hold on our money and our stuff that we trust in, and in turn, allows us to hold onto God in trust instead.

If we have _____, we have everything.

“You will always give money effortlessly to that which is your god. If you see that your salvation is in Jesus then your attitude toward your money is ‘I want to give it away in radical and drastic proportions, I want to change people's lives because what I have is not mine.’ On the other hand, if your salvation is your clothes, your looks, romance, or your own status, if your salvation is security in life, then you are going to hold on to that money and it is going to go effortlessly to those things which are your real god. Your money is your bottom line. It tells you where your salvation is.” (Pastor Tim Keller)

Contentment In Jesus That Leads To Generosity:

1. Margin

Live, save, and then give (How most people live)

Give, then save, then live (Living with an eternal perspective)

2. Saying “Enough”

“How much do I really need to keep?”

Bottom Line: *If we have Jesus, we have everything.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. How much would you need in your bank account whereby you would be able to tell yourself “that’s enough”?*
- 2. Would you consider yourself to be someone who is content? Why or why not?*
- 3. What circumstances or possessions are you looking to in order to tell you that you are okay?*
- 4. If contentment ultimately lies in our perspective, what is your perspective: is Jesus really enough for you and that with Him, He will satisfy your deepest longings? Or do you look for other things including money and possessions to fill you or satisfy such longings?*

Songs used in service: Good Food Father (Chris Tomlin), Yes He Can (Cain), How Deep The Father’s Love For Us (Stuart Townend), Better (Pat Barrett), Jireh (Maverick City Music & Elevation Worship)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?