

“There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.”

Proverbs 11:24-25 (NASB)

“Give, and it will be given to you...”

Luke 6:38

“ But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

2 Corinthians 9:6

NOTES:

We have Community Groups throughout the Denver Metro Area. You can find a listing of these groups online at www.fbc.org/smallgroups. For more information or questions, please contact Ceely Ann Lonergan at 303.424.2121, ext. 92407 or ceelyann.lonergan@fbc.org.

Please feel free to come down to the front for prayer after service.

“...pray for one another...” James 5:16

“Life’s Too Short – Enjoy It!”

Part 5

The Secret of Contentment

Philippians 4:10-19

(Amp Vs. 12) “I have learned in any and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation...”

“...Godliness with contentment is great gain.”

1 Timothy 6:6

“...Be content with such things as you have...”

Hebrews 13:5

“... It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else.”

Ecclesiastes 6:9 (GNT)

I. Damaging effects of always wanting more...

1. Fatigue

“Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint.”

Proverbs 23:4 (NIV)

2. Anxiety and conflict

*“A greedy man brings trouble to his family...”
Proverbs 15:27 (NIV)*

“But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.” 1 Timothy 6:9 (NLT)

3. Dissatisfaction

*“If you love money, you will never be satisfied; if you long to be rich, you will never get all you want. It is useless.”
Ecclesiastes 5:10 (GNT)*

II. Learning the secret of contentment

1. Stop comparing myself to others

*“For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”
2 Corinthians 10:12*

*““You shall not covet... anything that is your neighbor's.”
Exodus 20:17*

2. Enjoy what I have

*“If God gives us wealth and property and lets us enjoy them, we should be grateful and enjoy what we have worked for. It is a gift from God.”
Ecclesiastes 5:19 (GNT)*

*“...God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.”
1 Timothy 6:17*

3. Remember life is not always about things

*“...‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’”
Luke 12:15 (NIV)*

4. Focus on what will last forever

*“...Not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; 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 his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:15-18 (NIV)*