

Live With Godly Contentment Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Series: No Excuses

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“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”
1 Timothy 6:9–10 ESV

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.”
1 Timothy 6:6–8 ESV

Godly Contentment is an Antidote for My Excuses

I. Godly Contentment Protects Me from Getting Off Track

“In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.”
2 Samuel 11:1 ESV

Additional Verses (2 Samuel 10:2-3)

“And Joab sent messengers to David and said, “I have fought against Rabbah; moreover, I have taken the city of waters. Now then gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called by my name.””
2 Samuel 12:27–28 ESV

**My Stuff Will Never Replace
a Dynamic Relationship with Jesus!**

II. Four Helps for Realizing Godly Contentment

“It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, “I am pregnant.””

2 Samuel 11:2–5 ESV

1. Make My Relationship with God My #1 Priority

“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.”

James 1:13 ESV

“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

James 1:14–15 ESV

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

Psalms 119:9–11 NIV84

2. Keep Myself Busy for Jesus

“when David arose from his couch...”

2 Samuel 11:2 ESV

“And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?””

Luke 2:49 NKJV

“Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.”

Proverbs 18:9 ESV

“Idleness is the root of mischief.”

Chaucer’s “Tale of Melibee”

“Put Your Hands to Work and Hearts to God”

Ann Lee, “Mother Ann,” founder of the Shakers

3. Run from Temptation

“that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.”

2 Samuel 11:2 ESV

“I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman.”

Job 31:1 NLT

Don’t Ignore the Road Blocks God Puts in Your Path

“Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does.”

1 Corinthians 6:18a NLT

“And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.”

1 Timothy 2:9–10 NLT

4. Appreciate What God has Given Me

“Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more.”

2 Samuel 12:7–8 ESV

What Now?

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1 Timothy 6:6–8 ESV

Additional Verses (Psalm 51:1-12)