

CONTENTMENT 1 Timothy 6:3-10

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Many are searching for happiness. They say, "I'll be happy when....", etc..
Benjamin Franklin - "Contentment makes the poor man rich; discontent makes the rich man poor."
- B. Perhaps one reason so few find happiness or contentment is that they are looking in the wrong place.
"We think we don't make enough; it's not that we don't make enough, it's that we want too much."
Five detrimental effects of "wanting more"
 1. Wanting more brings fatigue - Proverbs 23:4-5
 2. " brings more expense - Ecc 5.11-12
 3. " brings more anxiety - Ecc 5.12-17 (insomnia increases with income???)
 4. " brings more conflict - Prov 15.27 ("number one cause for divorce is money") 1 Tim 6.9-10
 5. " brings more dissatisfaction - Ecc 5.10
- C. Today we will study contentment, godliness with contentment; and the faithfulness of God.

I. CONTENTMENT

- A. Not found in things. Luke 12:15
 1. We brought nothing in. 1 Timothy 6:7-8
- B. Because we trust in God. Hebrews 13:5-6
 1. And not in riches. 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Luke 12:20-21
- C. Can be learned. Phil. 4:11-13
- D. Involves prayer and peace. Phil. 4:6-7

II. GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT

- A. Godliness refers to "piety" - "characterized by a God-ward attitude" - Vine
- B. Is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6
- C. Comes from exercise. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 (and pursuit, 1 Tim 6.11)
- D. From knowledge of God. 2 Peter 1:3
- E. We must live in godliness. 2 Peter 3:11

III. WHY CAN WE BE CONTENT IN GODLINESS?

- A. God has promised. Hebrews 13:5-6
- B. Our life is hid with Christ. Colossians 3:1-3
- C. God gives peace. Isaiah 26:3-4
- D. He renews our strength. Isaiah 40:28-31
- E. "I am with thee." Isaiah 41:10
- F. "I know whom I have believed." 2 Tim. 1:12

CONCLUSION:

- A. Obviously contentment is not dependent upon what you possess. It comes from within you.
- B. Real contentment cannot be possessed without such a faith in God that no matter what trials and problems come, you cannot be shaken from your faith.