

Contentment

1 Timothy 3:15 - how people ought to conduct themselves in the household of God,...

Contentment vs. complacency

Contentment: *a state of happiness or satisfaction.*

Complacency: *smug and uncritically satisfied with oneself or one's achievements.*

Both:

1. Find rest.
2. Experience satisfaction.
3. Enjoy their status in life.

Differences:

1. Contentment thanks God, complacency thanks self.
2. Contentment pursues excellence, complacency rests on it's accomplishments.

(Philippians 3:8-11)

Contentment in God not the world. (vv 6-8)

Contentment fuels excellence. (vv 6:11-14)

(Philippians 3:12, 14; Hebrews 6:1)

Teach contentment. (vv 17-19)

Godliness with contentment = great gain. (2 Timothy 2:22)

Content with food and covering. (Job 1:21, Ecclesiastes 5:15)

Value of wealth:

1. Sustains life.
2. Can accomplish good.

The snare of wealth:

1. Temptation. (1 Timothy 6:11, James 4:7, 1 Corinthians 10:13)
2. A snare.
3. Foolish and harmful desires.
4. Ruin and destruction. (Matthew 7:13)

Love of money (v 10) (Hebrews 13:5)

1. Root of all sorts of evil.
2. Separation from God.
3. Many griefs.

Application

Avoid contentment:

1. Focus - nonessentials.
2. Focus - increasing income. (Luke 12:18-21)
3. Focus - keeping. (Matthew 19:23)

Choose to be content: (Philippians 4:11-13)

1. Focus - current enjoyment.
2. Focus - freedom from envy.
3. Focus - genuine gratefulness.
4. Focus - it's God's.

Matthew 6:19-21

- I am grateful for what I have.
- I am satisfied with what I earn.
- I am generous to those in need.

Next week: 1 Timothy 6:11-19