

SERMON NOTES

SERMON DATE: **Sunday, March 1, 2020 - AM Service**
SERMON TITLE: **The Classroom of Contentment**
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BIBLE TEXT: **1 Timothy 6:6-10**

"One of the greatest searches in life is the **search for contentment.**"

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1. The Hunger for Contentment

*"I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me." **Ecclesiastes 2:4-9***

*"Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun." **Ecclesiastes 2:11***

Every human being searches for contentment

Contentment: satisfaction with God's sufficient provision

2. The Hindrance to Contentment

Luke 12:15 Jesus said – *“Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”*

A. The Problem is Covetousness

Coveting – the enemy of contentment

B. The Product is Debt

Coveting is the enemy of contentment and it is the fuel of much of our debt

A product of debt: dissension in marriage, divorce

If you are content – you have a much higher probability of a successful marriage

4 Pillars for Successful Marriages

1. Your faith
2. In-Laws
3. Parenting
4. Money

These 4 pillars standing strong will bring a strong marriage

The lesson from Joseph

Joseph teaches us that using money wisely is not about **math** but rather about **behavior**

Joseph's life highlights an important principle for our lives: **the Bible calls on us to save for a rainy day**

Proverbs 6:6-11 – “Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.”

1 Corinthians 6:10 – “Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

Two Ugly Pictures:

1. Some have erred from the faith: they used to love God, now they love money
2. They pierce themselves through with many sorrows

3. The Heart of Contentment

1 Timothy 6:11

The heart of contentment is Jesus

Matthew 6:33 – “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6:19-20 – “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”

Proverbs 15:16 – “Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.”

3 Steps that will lead to contentment

1. Look to eternity (1 Tim. 6:7)
2. Let enough be enough (1 Tim. 6:8)
3. Learn by example (1 Tim. 6:9)
4. Learn to give