

“Being Content”

“You cannot Serve both God and Money”

Matthew 6:24-25a

- “²⁴No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and wealth”.
- ^{25a} Therefore, do not worry about your life

- Idol – Are you willing to sin to get it? Are you willing to sin in response to not getting it?
- Serve (In a bad sense) – Those who become slave to some base power, to yield to, to give one's self up to
- We must keep wealth and the pursuit of it in it's proper priority in our walk as believers

- 1 Timothy 6:9-10:
- “But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs”.

Matthew 6:22-23

The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

- Being Content:
- 1 Timothy 6:6-8
- “⁶But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. ⁷For we have brought nothing into this world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.⁸If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.
- Philippians 4:11-13
- ¹¹Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am in.
¹²I know how to get along with humble means,

- And I also know how to live in prosperity; and in every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.¹³ I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength”.
- Hebrews 13:5
- “Make sure that your character is free of the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said “never will I desert you nor will I ever forsake you”

- Exodus 16:4, 17-20
- ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain down bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction”.
- ¹⁷The sons of Israel did so, and some gathered much and some gathered little. ¹⁸When they measured it with an omer, he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who gathered little had no lack; every man gathered as much as he should eat.

¹⁹Moses said to them, “Let no man leave any of it until morning. ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.

Proverbs 30:8&9:

8Keep deception and lies far from me, give me
neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food
that is my portion,⁹that I do not be full and deny
you and say, “who is the Lord?” Or that I not be in
want and steal, and profane the name of my God.

- Matthew 6:19-21:
- ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be proud or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

- Psalm 37:3-7a:
- ³Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. ⁴Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵Commit your way to the Lord, trust Him, and He will do it. ⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your cause as the noonday sun. ⁷Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.

- James 2:14-17:

- ¹⁴What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works is dead, being by itself.

- 1 John 3:17-18:
- But, whoever has the world's goods, and sees his
₁₇brother in need and closes his heart against
him, how does the love of God abide in him?
₁₈Little children, let us not love with word or with
tongue, but in deed and truth.

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NLT)
- ⁶Remember this, a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully". ⁸And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty leftover to share with others. ⁹As the scriptures say, "They share freely and give to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

- ¹⁰For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce great harvest of generosity in you. ¹¹Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.