

## Home Builder's

### Making Marriage Work in a Broken World

#### Lesson 8: Christian Contentment: Breaking Free from the Success Syndrome

**Text:** 1 timothy 6:6-10

#### Intro:

If you had one the opportunity to have one wish granted in your life, what would it be?

- A dream vacation?
- A new vehicle?
- To be debt free?
- To be filthy rich?
- What about to be godly?

- I. Godliness with contentment is great gain. (6)
  - A. Godliness is truly gain.
    1. If you had to choose between wealth and godliness, the greatest gain would be godliness.
  - B. Contentment is independent of external circumstances because it is dependent on God.
    1. See Philippians 4:10-13
- II. Since this world's goods cannot be carried to the next world, we should be content with our necessities being met. (7-8)
  - A. All wealth is temporary. (1 John 2:15-17)
    1. See Ecclesiastes 5:13-17.
  - B. We should be content with our necessities being met.
    1. This does not mean it is wrong to have more than our necessities, it means that our necessities are enough for us to have contented lives.
    2. "Whatever we make necessary for our contentment, we make lord of our happiness."
- III. The unbridled pursuit of wealth brings destruction and sorrow. (9-10)
  - A. The desire to be rich leads into temptations and snares which lead to ruin and destruction.
    1. Disordered desires/loves lead to disordered living.
  - B. The love of money lead to evil actions which causes some to depart from the faith and self-destruct.
    1. Money is not the root of all evil—the love of money is the root of all evil.
    2. Matthew 6:19-34

**Big Idea:** Christians should strive for godliness instead of wealth because wealth is temporary and has the tendency to corrupt destroy those who love it.

**Application/Discussion:**

- Establish a lifestyle of gratitude.
- Life is about more than stuff.
- What is your heart set on having?
- In what way does the culture discourage contentment?

**For Next Week:**

**Lesson Title:** Principles for parenting.  
Raising Godly Children in an Ungodly World.