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“Contented or Contentious?”

“...godliness with contentment is great gain.” (1 Timothy 6:6 KJV)

Corrupting Covetousness

Genesis 3:6 – “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

Luke 12:13-15 – (13) “Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ (14) But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ (15) And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’”

James 4:1-2 – (1) “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? (2) You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel...”

Key Point: Discontentedness Breeds Contentiousness

Response:

(1) Accept Your Assignment

1 Corinthians 7:17-20, 24 – (17) “Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. (18) Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. (19) For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. (20) Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called... (24) So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.”

(2) Abide in the Place God has Called You

“As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine” (1 Timothy 1:3 KJV)

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“Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it...

(1 Corinthians 7:20b)

(4) Be Open to Opportunities

...But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.”

(1 Corinthians 7:21)

(5) Fight Discontentedness with Thankfulness

“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I restless, always assuming there is something better?

Why is there so much turmoil in the world, families, churches, and within our own hearts? (James 4:1-2)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

