

Theme: Be Content

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." Exodus 20:17

"But godliness with contentment is great gain." 1 Timothy 6:6

Among the Ten Commandments, God reminds us not to covet the possessions of others. "Greed" is a desire that comes from the heart, when a person is greedy towards what others have, what they covet may not be what he or she actually needs, nor is it meaningful to them or what they can afford. Many times people's greed comes from inner dissatisfaction, jealousy of others, and a failure to cherish and be grateful for what they already have. God however, wants us not only to do things that are in God's will with our outwardly behavior, but also to maintain a holy and pure heart with our inward behavior and not be controlled by the desire of sin. God gives us life, and through the salvation of Jesus Christ gives us a newer, divine life in the Lord. What we receive is not what we deserve, but grace, everything we have comes from God and belongs to God. Therefore, we should be grateful and give everything to God with contentment.

May each of us have a content and joyous heart. No matter what our circumstances, God's rich and abundant grace is sufficient for each of us. The burden God places on us is light, and everything God has given us is beyond what we ask and imagine. Therefore, contentment is not only a manifestation of obeying the law, it is also a manifestation of living God's life. May we always be content with heavenly satisfaction in the Lord.

REFLECTION

- Do we often covet other people's things in our lives and even become jealous and cause disputes?
- Do we often have the opportunity to reflect on ourselves and not let our desires occupy our hearts and live a life that pleases God?

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- Ask God to help us change our perspective, learn how to see ourselves from God's perspective, and recognize our worth.
- May we constantly be counting the grace of God, to be grateful for what we have and learn to be content.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the many victims around the world of verbal and behavioral violence. May God give them courage and strength to seek and find help.
- Pray for the ministry and coworkers of the church preparing for Christmas, so that more seekers have the opportunity to understand the gospel and the truth.