



Sunday Morning, December 6, 2020 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Contentment at Home

Message Text: Hebrews 13:5-6

Introduction:

Advertisers offer us bigger, better and more. When we begin to believe that we must have whatever is bigger, better and more just because it is bigger, better and more, we become discontent with what we have—smaller, good and less. Discontentment will drain joy, peace and tranquility within our lives and homes. It will make a *mess* of our homes and relationships in this the “*Most Wonderful Time of the Year.*” How can we cultivate an attitude of contentment within our hearts and homes?

1. The _____ we Make (5a)

A. We Choose our _____ (5a)

NOTE — We were created with free will to make choices.

Hebrews 13:5a Let your conversation be...

DEFINITION—CONVERSATION: manner (behavior); a way of acting or behaving.

B. We Choose What _____ Us (5a)

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness...

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DEFINITION—COVETOUSNESS: loving money; characterized by an immoderate desire for acquiring wealth.

NOTE — Covetousness is not about desiring lots of money or things. *It is about desiring what you do not have.*

Ephesians 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

2. The _____ we Maintain (5b)

A. Maintained by Personal _____ (5b)

"I have what I need"

Hebrews 13:5 ...and be content with such things as ye have...

DEFINITION—CONTENT: to be satisfied or showing satisfaction with things as they are.

QUOTE: The underlying thought is that one should be satisfied with that which meets our need, and not desire a superfluity. — Wuest

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

QUOTE: Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition. — Jeremiah Burroughs

1 Timothy 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

BEFORE MAKING A PURCHASE, CONSIDER THESE QUESTIONS

Do I need it more than I want it?

Will it directly or indirectly contribute to my spiritual growth and/or that of my children?

Can I afford it? Could the money be spent better elsewhere?

Will I worry about it?

B. Maintained in the _____ of the Savior (5b)

Hebrews 13:5 ...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

“...for he hath said...” — Christ’s personal promise to you.

NOTE — In this verse the construction is very emphatic: it combines five negatives to indicate the impossibility of Christ deserting his own!

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

3. The _____ we Model (6)

“So that we may boldly say...”

DEFINITION—**BOLDLY**: to be confident; to have or be marked by confidence or assurance.

A. Confidence in the Help of the _____ (6a)

Hebrews 13:6 ...The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear...

Lord — Jehovah (The I AM)

Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

B. Confidence through the _____ of Men (6b)

Hebrews 13:6 ...what man shall do unto me.

If God is my helper, what can man accomplish against me?

If God is my helper, what can _____ do to me?

If God is my helper, what can _____ do to me?

If God is my helper, what can _____ do to me?

Conclusion

O what a happy child I am, although I cannot see.

I am resolved that in this world contented I will be.

How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't!

To weep or sigh because I'm blind, I cannot nor I won't!

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The best way for contentment to become a reality in your family is for you to personally develop a lifestyle of contentment.

Questions to Consider

Is Jesus enough for me?

Can I recall a specific situation in my life when my contentment in Christ enabled me to reject the temptation of materialism?

Is my family seeing me model contentment in my current choices?

Is there covetousness in my life that I need to repent of?

