

FACING DISCONTENTMENT



“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”—1 Timothy 6:6-10

In our fast-paced, “instant-gratification” society, contentment is quickly becoming a thing of the past. We are bombarded by thousands of marketing images every day, each one telling us what will make us happy—today. By always wanting what’s next, and never stopping to offer thanks for what God has already given us, we will never be completely content. If we want to experience God’s promises in Scripture, we must learn to be content with God’s blessings.

Discussion Questions

What words or phrases stand out to you in the passage above?

What is contentment? What would it look like in your life?

What things in your life make you feel happy and content?

How often do you thank God for the bare necessities of life?

What’s the difference between contentment and happiness?

Why do you think some people become blind to the blessings they do have as they try to get the things they don’t have?
