



## Things God Never Said - pt 2

“Money and Evil

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### 5-Day Devotional: Finding Contentment in Christ

#### Day 1: The Foundation That Cannot Shake

**Reading:** Psalm 18:1-6, 31-36

**Devotional:** When life's storms rage and everything around us seems unstable, we need a foundation that cannot be shaken. The psalmist declares that God is our rock, fortress, and deliverer. Christ is the firm foundation upon which we build our lives—not our finances, relationships, or achievements. When we anchor ourselves to Him, we discover a stability that transcends circumstances. Today, examine what you're truly building your life upon. Are you trusting in things that can crumble, or are you standing on the unchanging character of God? His faithfulness through generations proves He won't fail you now. Let Him be your stronghold today, knowing that when everything else shifts, He remains constant and true.

#### Day 2: The Trap of Misplaced Love

**Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

**Devotional:** Paul's warning isn't about money itself but about what we allow to capture our hearts. When anything—wealth, success, relationships, or even ministry—takes the primary position in our lives, it becomes a root leading to various evils. The rich young ruler walked away sad not because he had wealth, but because wealth had him. True godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. Ask yourself today: What have I elevated above God? What would I struggle to surrender if He asked? The secret to contentment isn't found in having more or less, but in making Christ primary. When we trust in God who richly gives us all we need, we're freed to use our resources—whatever they are—for His kingdom and the good of others.

### **Day 3: Strength in Every Circumstance**

**Reading:** Philippians 4:10-13

**Devotional:** Paul's famous declaration, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," is often quoted as a promise of achievement. But in context, it's a testimony of contentment. Paul learned to be satisfied whether he had plenty or nothing, because his identity and strength came from Christ alone. This is revolutionary. We're conditioned to believe that having more will make us happier, but Paul discovered that Christ was sufficient in every season. His secret wasn't positive thinking but Christ-dependence. Today, whether you're facing abundance or scarcity, success or struggle, remember that your ability to thrive doesn't depend on external circumstances. Through Christ, you have everything you need. Let Him be your strength, your provision, and your peace regardless of what surrounds you.

### **Day 4: Faithful Still Through the Fire**

**Reading:** Daniel 3:13-30

**Devotional:** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced a literal fiery furnace, yet they refused to compromise their devotion to God. Their declaration is powerful: "Even if He does not rescue us, we will not serve your gods." This is faith that doesn't demand deliverance but trusts God's character regardless of outcomes. God has closed the mouths of bigger lions and conquered greater giants in your past. He has walked with you through deeper waters and stood beside you in the fire. His track record in your life proves He is faithful still. When you face your current trial—whether illness, financial pressure, relationship strain, or uncertainty—remember that God's faithfulness isn't measured by immediate rescue but by His constant presence. He goes before you, walks beside you, and remains faithful through every season.

### **Day 5: The Primary Position**

**Reading:** Matthew 6:19-34

**Devotional:** Jesus teaches that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. He calls us to seek first His kingdom and righteousness, trusting that everything else will be provided. This isn't about neglecting responsibilities but about proper ordering of priorities. When God occupies the primary position in our lives, everything else finds its proper place. The rich young ruler couldn't enter eternal life not because having wealth disqualified him, but because he wouldn't empty himself of his identity in that wealth to find his identity in Christ. Today, Jesus asks you the same question: What do you need to lay down so you can fully take hold of Him? Surrender isn't loss—it's exchange. You release what cannot satisfy for the One who satisfies completely. Make Him primary, and watch how He reorders everything else for your good and His glory.