

Weekend Teaching Discussion Guide

Reordering Your Life: Week One

Teaching by Pastor Ken

WARM-UP QUESTION

When was the last time you were truly content? What did that feeling of “what I have is enough” look like for you?

DISCUSS

1. What Is Contentment?

Pastor Ken opened the series by asking a simple but challenging question: *When was the last time you were truly content?* For many of us, contentment can be temporary. We may feel like we are doing fine until we see something we want, whether it is a bigger house, a nicer car, a new purchase, or something else.

Our culture constantly communicates a message: “If you only had _____, then you would be _____.” We are told that more will make us happier, more important, more secure, or more at peace. Yet the satisfaction rarely lasts.

Pastor Ken emphasized that there is nothing inherently wrong with nice things. God wants us to enjoy what He has given us, as long as those things remain in their proper place. Our worth and identity cannot be tied to what we own.

Read *1 Timothy 6:6*.

- What makes contentment so difficult in a culture that constantly tells us we need more?
- What is the difference between enjoying what God has given us and allowing possessions to define our happiness or identity?

2. Be Careful of the Consuming Loop

Jesus gives a strong warning about the danger of letting possessions and the desire for more take over our lives.

Read *Luke 12:15*.

Pastor Ken described greed as an insatiable desire for more that becomes an all-consuming and driving force. Greed convinces us that we are just one more purchase away from finally being happy.

Instead of letting “get more stuff” drive our lives, we need to develop a vision and purpose that is bigger than consumption. Being rich is not about getting everything you want. It is learning to want what you already have.

- Where do you see the “one more thing will make me happy” mindset show up in your own life?
- What would it look like to flip the script from “I need more” to “I want what God has already given me”?

Read *Philippians 4:12–13*.

Paul said he had learned the secret of being content in every situation. Contentment didn't come naturally to him. He learned it through Christ.

3. Contentment Is Learned, Not Natural

Pastor Ken's first big idea was that contentment is learned, not natural. Just as children must be taught to share, we must intentionally develop contentment.

Contentment is not a destination we eventually arrive at. It is an attitude we embrace and continually develop. Christ gives us the strength to grow in contentment.

- Why do you think contentment has to be developed daily rather than achieved once?
- What practices or habits could help you cultivate a more content heart?

4. Contentment and Comparison Cannot Coexist

Comparison is one of the greatest enemies of contentment. When we constantly measure our possessions, lifestyle, success, appearance, or circumstances against someone else's, we will always believe we are missing something.

Read *Ecclesiastes 4:4*.

Read *Exodus 20:17*.

Pastor Ken emphasized that as long as we compare, we will never be fully content. Comparison shifts our attention away from what God has given us and toward what we believe someone else has that we need.

- How does comparison affect your ability to recognize and appreciate what you already have?
- What is one area where you need to stop measuring your life against someone else's?

5. Contentment Needs a Purpose Bigger Than Consumption

Pastor Ken's third big idea was that contentment needs a vision and purpose bigger than consumption.

A helpful question is:

"I will consume less so I can _____ more."

Eliminating debt, decluttering our lives, and saving money are all good goals, but they cannot be the ultimate purpose. If we create more financial margin so we can consume more later, we have not truly reordered our lives.

Contentment gives us the freedom to live for something bigger than ourselves. It allows us to become generous and use what God has given us to make an eternal impact.

Read *1 Timothy 6:6–10*.

Read *1 Timothy 6:17–18*.

- What is your “why”? What would you like to do with your time, money, and resources that is bigger than simply consuming more?
- How could growing in contentment create greater opportunities for generosity in your life?

CLOSING REFLECTION

Which statement best reflects where you are right now?

- I need to learn to be content with what God has already given me.
- I need to recognize where comparison is stealing my contentment.
- I need to identify the things that continually convince me I need “one more thing.”
- I need to develop a vision and purpose that is bigger than consumption.
- I need to become more generous with the resources God has entrusted to me.

PRAYER

Close by thanking God for providing everything we need. Ask Him to teach you contentment and to help you recognize the ways comparison, greed, and consumption can pull your heart away from Him.

Pray for wisdom to properly order your finances, possessions, time, and priorities. Ask God to give you a vision and purpose bigger than consumption, and to show you how greater contentment can lead to greater generosity and eternal impact.

Pray that Christ would strengthen each person to live with a renewed mind and heart, trusting that what God has provided is enough.