

THE ART OF CONTENTMENT

Staying Satisfied In Jesus



Part 2: How Much Is Enough?

Discussion Questions:

Do you believe in creation? Why or why not?

How much have you struggled with materialism? Why?

Have you ever been confronted about materialism by someone you trust?

The roots of discontentment:

Deception – I can believe lies about my situation

Comparison – What someone else has is better than what I have

Desire – What I don't have looks too good to pass up

Corrupted expectations – I deserve something I don't have

Misunderstood value – I don't see the good in what I already have

Stubborn entitlement – I must be given something no matter what

Materialism: a tendency to consider material possessions and physical comfort as more important than spiritual values

What the Bible says about material things:

_____ (Genesis 1-2, John 1:1-3) –
material things have purpose

_____ (Deuteronomy 8, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15) –
material things are gifts

_____ (Matthew 6:19-34, Luke 10:25-37) –
material things are made to be put to their intended use.

_____ (Luke 15:11-32, James 4:1-10) –
material things can be and have been corrupted

_____ (Phil. 4:10-20, 1 Tim. 6:6-10) –
material things need not have control over us

Takeaway: _____