



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Hebrews 13:5-6 (NAS)

Topic: "A Call to Contentment"

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- 5 Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"
- 6 so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

### **I. CONTENTMENT**

- A. It Is Founded More On Perspective Than Circumstance
- B. It Is Rare And Hard To Hold Onto
- C. Negative Discontentment Registers A Complaint Against God
- D. It Can Be elusive (You Can Have It And Then Be Gone)
- E. It Is An Attribute Which Must Be Learned *Philippians 4:11*

### **II. DANGERS ON EITHER SIDE OF CONTENTMENT**

- A. Laziness *Proverbs 10:4,5; 24:33, 34; I Timothy 5:8; II Thessalonians 3:10*
- B. On The Other Side Is Ambition For Wealth *Proverbs 11:4*
- C. Our Desire To Acquire More Ought To Be To Meet Needs Of Others *I Timothy 6:9,10*
- D. The Danger Of Trusting In Wealth *Proverbs 11:28; Jeremiah 17:5*

### **III. CONTENTMENT REQUIRES DILIGENT CULTIVATION**

- A. We Must Pull The Weed Of Comparison To Others
- B. We Must Bow To God's Sovereign Plan *Psalm 23*

### **IV. CONTENTMENT CAN NOT CO-EXIST WITH GREED**

- A. Greed Is A Terrible Sin
- B. Many Have Fallen Under Greed *Luke 12:15, 21*

### **V. CONTENTMENT STRENGTHENED BY ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S OWNERSHIP**

- A. All Things Belong To Him *Psalms 24:1*
- B. We Are But Stewards

### **VI. CONTENTMENT THROUGH MINISTERING TO OTHERS**

- A. Missions
- B. Giving Your Life In Service To Others