

Oasis Sunday School Class

GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT--CHAPTER 4

IN ORDER TO BE CONTENT:

1. LEARN TO IDENTIFY _____ THAT HAS CREPT INTO YOUR HEART.
2. _____ IT AS SIN.
3. _____ THE TEMPTATION TO BE DISCONTENT
4. WE MUST _____ DISCONTENT WITH TRUE CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT.

1 TIMOTHY 6

- V. 5WHO SUPPOSE GODLINESS IS A MEANS OF GAIN.
- V. 6 BUT GODLINESS ACTUALLY IS A MEANS OF GREAT GAIN WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY CONTENTMENT.
- V. 7 FOR WE HAVE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THE WORLD, SO WE CANNOT TAKE ANYTHING OUT OF IT EITHER.
- V. 8 IF WE HAVE FOOD AND COVERING, WITH THESE WE SHALL BE CONTENT.

1 TIM. 4:7-8 DISCIPLINE YOURSELVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS. FOR BODILY DISCIPLINE IS ONLY OF LITTLE PROFIT, BUT GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE FOR ALL THINGS, SINCE IT HOLDS PROMISE FOR THE PRESENT LIFE AND ALSO FOR THE LIFE TO COME.

- V. 9 THIS IS A TRUSTWORTHY STATEMENT DESERVING FULL ACCEPTANCE.

SYNONYMS FOR GODLINESS:

- _____ AND PIETY
- ALL GOOD THINGS ASSOCIATED WITH _____
- _____

PRINCIPLE- _____ IF LINKED TO CONTENTMENT

- **WORD CONTENTMENT IN V. 6 WAS USED BY THE GREEK STOICS:**
- TO SPEAK OF _____
- TO SPEAK OF THE PERSON WHO WAS _____
- THE PERSON WHO WAS NOT MOVED BY _____
- WHO HAD MOST NOBLE HUMAN _____
- THE ABILITY NOT TO CONTROL THE ENVIRONMENT BUT TO PROPERLY _____ TO IT

- **BASICALLY MEANS:**

- BE _____
- TO SEEK NOTHING _____
- TO BE _____ WITH WHAT YOU HAVE

WHAT PAUL DOES HERE IS:

- _____ THE CONCEPT OF CONTENTMENT
- MAKES CONTENTMENT A SPIRITUAL _____ OF GODLINESS
- RELATES CONTENTMENT TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF _____

1 TIM. 6:

V.8 AND HAVING FOOD AND CLOTHING, WITH THESE WE SHALL BE CONTENT.

V. 9 BUT THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE RICH FALL INTO TEMPTATION AND A SNARE, AND INTO MANY FOOLISH AND HARMFUL LUSTS WHICH DROWN MEN IN DESTRUCTION AND PERDITION.

V. 10 FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL, FOR WHICH SOME HAVE STRAYED FROM THE FAITH IN THEIR GREEDINESS, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES THROUGH WITH MANY SORROWS.

TAKEAWAYS:

1. CONTENTMENT CANNOT COEXIST WITH A DESIRE TO BE _____
2. GODLINESS SHOULD BE OUR DESIRE, NOT _____
3. THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A GUARANTEED SET UP FOR TRAPS AND TROUBLES THAT WILL BRING US MUCH _____
4. CONTENTMENT IS IN _____ AND HIM ALONE
5. CONTENTMENT IS NOT IN _____
6. CONTENTMENT IS GROUNDED IN HIS _____

PHIL 4:11-13 NOT THAT I SPEAK FROM WANT, FOR I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT IN WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES I AM. I KNOW HOW TO GET ALONG WITH HUMBLE MEANS, AND I ALSO KNOW HOW TO LIVE IN PROSPERITY; IN ANY AND EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET OF BEING FILLED AND GOING HUNGRY, BOTH OF HAVING ABUNDANCE AND SUFFERING NEED. I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

HEBREWS 13:5 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."