

## 5/14/17 | LIVE Unu\$ually: Contentment



Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'

—Hebrews 13:5 | NIV

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Is it wrong to want things? Explain.
2. What are the differences between want, greed, envy, and jealousy?
3. Do you find yourself always wanting a little more? Do you think, "If God helped me do/get this one more thing, then I'd be content"? What is it that you want? What's the danger of that mindset?
4. Consider the quote on the right.  
What is one way you see people using each other? What is one way you've seen people enjoying each other?

*"God designed us to enjoy people and use things, but we tend to use people and enjoy things."*

### Content in All Circumstances

5. Read Proverbs 25:16 and 27:20. How hard is it to be content with what you have now, versus what you could have?
6. Read Deuteronomy 8. How are God's promises in this chapter relevant today?
7. Philippians 4:11 uses the word *content*.  
Content (*autarkes*)—sufficient for one's self, strong enough or possessing enough to need no aid or support; independent of

external circumstances; contented with one's lot, with one's means, though the slenderest.

Is it easier to be content when you have much or have little? Will you be content only if you have an easy life? Will you be content only when you have a safe life?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-30. Could you be content in Paul's circumstances?

### **Things vs Christ**

8. What does 2 Corinthians 12:9 say about what is sufficient for our needs?
  
9. What can you learn from Psalm 90:14 about being satisfied?
  
10. Read Psalm 103:105. Do you satisfy your desires with things or with God?
  
11. Temporary—How does remembering that this life is temporary help you become content?
  
12. Grateful—How does purposeful gratitude help you become content?
  
13. Love—How does focusing on your love for Christ help you become content?

**TAKEAWAY:** Do something this week to begin to live life with more contentment.