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Beware of Greed and Anxiety

Heb.13:5-6

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God..’ – 2 Timothy 2:15

The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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Roadmap of where we have been and where we are going:

Enduring Faith Defined (11:1) Exemplified (11:2-40), and finally its application Commanded (12:1-26) Concluding Exhortations (13:1-25).

INTRODUCTION – Today we will consider the exhortation concerning Covetousness, Greed, Anxiety and Christian contentment.

HOW ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER vv.5-6 ?

1. Exhortation – live without covetousness.
2. Command – live contently.
3. Promise – live in God’s promise.
4. Confession – the Lord is my helper.

I. Exhortation – live without covetousness

v.5 “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

NASB95 “Make sure that your character is free from the love of money”

ESV “Keep your life free from love of money,”

Strongs G5158 τρόπος τρόπος ‘Conversation, Character, Life’:

“a way, fashion, way of thinking, way of life.”

- In the plainest sense, the exhortation is simply that the followers of Jesus must not allow their hearts and minds to be set on material things, more than that of spiritual things, and furthermore, their lives ought to reflect this inward reality.
- A few things to notice regarding the thrust of the exhortation:
 1. It’s not a prohibition against owning ‘nice’ things.
 2. It’s not a prohibition against biblical principle of prudence and saving for the future.

II. Command – live contently.

Jeremiah Borroughs in the ‘Rare jewel of Christian contentment’ rightly defines the sort of contentment being commanded in our text “...it is that sweet,

inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and Fatherly disposal in every condition."

Christian Contentment opposes:

1. Murmuring and repining.
2. Vexed spirit (an agitated spirit) and fretting.
3. Tumultuous thoughts.
4. An unsettled and unstable spirit.
5. Heart-consuming cares (especially fear of the future).
6. Sinking discouragements.
7. Sinful shiftings and shirkings (taking things into your own hands).
8. Desperate risings of the heart against God by way of rebellion.

Christian Contentment doesn't oppose:

1. Sincere awareness of afflictions.
2. Expressing the need of relief or improvement.
3. The forbidding of self improvement.

III. The Promise – live in God's Promise.

- This promise is found repeatedly throughout the Scriptures (Josh.1:5; Gen.28:15; Deut.31:6; 1 Chron.28:20; Isa.41:10-13).
- TURN BIBLE TO MTH.6:24-33

IV. Confession – the Lord is my helper.

- This is a citation from Ps.118:6 and by it, we have in response to the promise the answer of faith!

CONCLUDING THOUGHT:

Before leaving the subject of Christian contentment I want to say that the Bible teaches that the essence of a fulfilling life is NOT to be found in the possession of material things, but a right relationship with God.

If any of us seeks contentment in the things of this world, you will seek such contentment in vain.

Mark 8:36 “what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”

The truth of the matter is, even if you were to gain the world, you would not be forever content with the things you possess. You would not be satisfied until you possessed another world, and another, and another.

Dear Christian, in Christ you have been given everything, live in that reality and never allow the trials, no matter what they may be, to rob you of the promise you have from God through Christ.

Remember the cross, remember the price Christ paid for your eternal salvation...this will serve to quite all discontentment as our Heavenly Father prepares us through Providence to someday be with Him forever in a state of eternal bliss that is incomprehensible.