

***Intro:***

READ WLC Q&A 148. Remedy for covetousness is contentment. Opposite true: Read Esther 5:1-13.

Main Point of Text: Haman's stubborn discontent with one man who wouldn't honor him led to his terrible death.

Sermon Point: *Discontent will destroy you.*

***Move 1: Don't pursue your neighbor's stuff.***

LC: "all inordinate motions [actions] and affections [attitudes] to any thing that is his [neighbor]". Obsession with the world, which chokes out a love for heaven. You must kill it:

- Col. 3:5: *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth ... covetousness, which is idolatry:*
- *For the wicked ... blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.* (Ps. 10:3)
- Eph. 5:5: *... no ... covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.*

***Move 2: Don't desire your neighbor's stuff.***

LC: "envying and grieving at the good of our neighbour": bitter jealousy at others' happiness, specifically. *Let us not be ... envying one another.* (Gal 5:26) Very big deal: *But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts ... This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.* (James 3:14-16) Ex. 18:21: *... fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness.*

***Move 3: Be thankful for what you have while you can.***

LC: "discontentment with our own estate": Heart of issue. "covet": desire. Heart breaks 6-9. Esther 5:13:

- All honor is not "even/smooth" [availeth]. Discontent makes smooth lanes rocky roads.
- Notice contrast with Esther. She humbly sacrificed herself for her people and lived to rule. Haman proudly sought to sacrifice Mordecai for his own glory and got himself killed. See 3:5; 5:9; Haman's discontent with one man in a crowd lead to his death.
- Luke 16:14. *Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer* (1 Cor. 10:9-10)

***Conclusion:***

Luke 12:15.

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