Reordering Your Life

Contentment



Message Summary

We've been told that more will make us happy, but it doesn't. Scripture teaches that life doesn't consist in the abundance of possessions (Luke 12:15). The trap of greed robs us of life, but contentment frees us. Contentment isn't a place you arrive someday; it's a choice you make today.

Key Scriptures

Luke 12:15 (NIV)

"Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

1 Timothy 6:6-9, 17-19 (NIV)

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

Proverbs 14:30 (NIV)

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones."

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- When is the last time you remember feeling truly content, like you had enough?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: Here (Available Monday's)

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- Why do you think comparison, greed, and wealth obsession are common traps, and how do they affect peace and generosity?

Start Sharing

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- What's one thing in your life you tend to want "more" of (clothes, money, gadgets, hobbies, recognition)?
- From the verses we read, what stood out to you most about how God views greed, wealth, and contentment?
- How has comparison robbed you of contentment in the past?
- Where in your life do you struggle to believe "what I have is enough"? Where does that dissatisfaction come from?
- What would it look like this week to practice contentment, maybe through a no-spend challenge, a closet clean-out, or fasting from social media?

Start Praying

Lord, help us to find contentment in You, not in what we own. Free us from the trap of greed and comparison, and give us joy in what You've already given. Teach us to be generous out of hearts that trust You. Amen

Start Doing

Pick one practice of contentment this week: no-spend challenge, closet clean-out, or a fast from comparison (like social media).

Share it with your group, and next week, share how it impacted you.