

3. Hebrews 13:6 is a wonderful declaration. How does it relate to the themes of love of money and contentment?

Living It Out

1. It seems to me that it is easier to detect “loving money” in others than in ourselves. How do we avoid self-deception in this matter?

2. Where do you struggle with this issue of “godliness with contentment?” What has been helpful to you in the struggle?

What is the difference between contentment *in* our circumstances and contentment *with* our circumstances?

How do you balance ambition and contentment?

3. Consider A. W. Tozer’s comment: “Contentment with earthly goods is the mark of a saint; contentment with our spiritual state is a mark of inward blindness.” In which of these aspects is the Holy Spirit prompting you to change?

Looking Ahead

Next week we will be thinking about generosity, using as our base of operations 2 Corinthians 8 and 9.

A Satisfied Heart Hebrews 13:5, 6

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“We live in a culture of discontent, but a clear mark of God’s growth in us is contentment .”

I. We must immunize ourselves against the love of money

II. We must intentionally cultivate a heart of contentment

Getting Connected

As you think back on your life, who is a person or some people who exemplify contentment to you? What are some of the characteristics that lead you to describe them in that way?

As you think back on the sermon, was there a principle or idea that you found clarifying, challenging or confusing?

Digging Deeper

1. The writer of Hebrews calls us to live lives that are free of the love of money. What do you think a “money-lover” looks like? Is it about our bank account or our heart attitude?

What are the most significant things that 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 says to you about a godly attitude toward money and possessions?

2. Paul talks about contentment in Philippians 4:10-19. What were his personal conditions? (see 1:12-14) Was his life easy or “fair”?

How do you think he “learned the secret of being content”?

How does Philippians 4:13 relate to his theme of contentment?

How does “contentment” square with his obvious ambition to advance the gospel (1:12) and to grow spiritually (3:12-14)?

III. We can celebrate the faithful sufficiency of our God

Conclusion