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Nurturing Godly Aspiration and Grateful Contentment
"A Biblical Case for Contentment"
Philippians 4:11-13

Take a closer look at a Biblical Case for Contentment.

I. The Casting of _____ Promoted Contentment. Numbers 26:51-56

1. *The tribal _____ of Israel were apportioned by the drawing of lots. Numbers 26:52-57; Proverbs 16:33.*

2. *The _____ Apostle was chosen by lot, as well. Acts 1:21-26.*

II. The year of _____ promoted contentment. Leviticus 25, especially v. 23.

1. *Once a piece of land was given to a family, according to the law, it could not be permanently _____ or transferred to anyone else.*

2. *This plan set an automatic curb on human _____.*

III. _____ the Baptist Rode a Harley, and He Promoted Contentment. Luke 3:1-14, especially vv. 10-14

1. *The preaching of John the Baptist echoes this Old Testament theme of _____ aspirations.*

2. *John called the _____ to nurture contentment. Luke 3:11-14*

IV. _____ Calls His Disciples to Contentment. Luke 6:24-31.

V. The Thirteenth _____ Makes It Personal. Philippians 4:11-13.

Take it home (applications).

I. We must avoid being _____ only for what will immediately benefit us.

II. We must allow the flame of the Holy Spirit to fire our souls and shape our _____. Hebrews 4:9; Matthew 11:25-30

III. We must shift our focus to be free from _____, as well. Matthew 6:33-34

IV. We must find our strength and _____ in the Lord to become grateful and contented. Philippians 2:12-13; Psalm 37:3-4