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The Devil Wants You to Have It

When it comes to being content with what we have in life, the bible says, "And having

food and clothing, with these we shall be content" (1 Timothy 6:8). But let's be real, is that even possible in the modern age we live in? Should the 770,000 homeless people in our country be content in their current state as long as they have something to eat and something to wear? What is God trying to teach us here?

There is no doubt that the number of things we think of as necessities has grown dramatically over the past 100 years. As technology has increased and society changes along with it, the things we need to "just get by" grow in number. Yes, it is now true that one must have a cell phone to adequately communicate and conduct daily business. A vehicle is now considered a necessity of normal everyday life and we think it strange if someone doesn't have a car and depends on public transportation. Now, returning to our original thought, does the Lord really expect us to be satisfied with some food and clothes and live destitute else we are to be considered wickedly rich?

The Apostle Paul said he had learned to be content in whatever situation he found himself in at the time. He knew how to live humbly and in prosperity (Philippians 4:11-12). In either case, he could still be pleasing to God as long as he had the proper attitude. The Lord wants us to be satisfied with the blessings we have received and not become distracted in the pursuit of the finer things in life. ***Continues on Page 2...***

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When Satan tempted Jesus, he not only used life's basic necessities (food) but also the desire to possess many things (Matthew 4:1-11). We must always be aware that Satan wants us to spend \$1,200 on a new iPhone while putting \$20 in the offering plate. The devil wants us to desire the newest and finest car, the costly clothes and spend our yearly savings on entertainment while the needy go hungry in our community. The old adversary wants us to be distracted with our “new toys” so that Sunday becomes a play day instead of the Lord's Day. In an effort to satisfy our discontentment, we become sinful and neglectful. Let us not forget that our life's worth is not counted by the things we have and that “godliness with contentment” is the greatest gain of all (Luke 12:15; 1 Tim. 6:6).

—Jay Lauius

Wake Up and Live

The story is told of an old Scottish preacher who prayed fervently every day, “Lord, keep me alive as long as I live.” Along this same vein of thought, Halford E. Luccock says, “There are so many forms of sleepwalking—the glazed eyes which never notice that one's ideals are being whittled away, one's purposes being pared down; never notice the evil forces in the world gaining strength. Watch and pray against the sin that so easily trips us up, the compromise with wrong, so reasonable at the beginning, so deadly in the end. Watch, lest we neglect the renewal of life in communion with God, lest our sympathies harden! Watch lest the great opportunities for service to God's kingdom come and pass by, unseen and unseized.”

Are You Practicing Gratitude?

Gratitude changes how we see life. First Thessalonians 5:18 calls upon Christians to give thanks in all circumstances. Thankfulness does not ignore difficulties; it acknowledges God's presence within them. A grateful heart notices blessings that fear often overlooks. Even small mercies become reminders of God's goodness. When we choose gratitude, discouragement loses its power. Thanksgiving shifts our focus from what is lacking to what God has already provided. Are you practicing gratitude in all things?



Attitudes

A man was down and someone said,
 "That's where the rascal ought to be,"
 But never offered him a bed,
 Nor gave him water, bread or tea;
 And neither did he lift his heart
 And breathe a prayer in his behalf,
 But plunged in him a deeper dart
 By saying, "He is worthless chaff."

 Another looked at this same man
 And said, "He has a precious soul,
 Therefore I'll help him all I can
 To rise in life and seek a goal."
 And so he spoke a friendly word
 And wept because he'd fallen low
 Then prayed till God in heaven heard
 And made his life to shine and glow.

***ON THE LIGHTER SIDE******Dropping More Than Pounds***

I finally started eating healthier and joined a gym. So far I've lost exactly \$47.95 a month.

Not the Best Attitude

A little boy asked his dad, "How much does it cost to get married?" The father sighed deeply and said, "I don't know, son. I'm still paying for it."

One Way to Look at Books

I asked the librarian if the library had any books on paranoia. She leaned in close and whispered, "They're right behind you."

QUOTES & SAYINGS

"Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will." — Jonathan Edwards

"The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety." — George Müller

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." — Hudson Taylor

"There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man." — Blaise Pascal

"The Bible is God preaching." — J.I. Packer



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Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Slipped discs in back & UTI.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Tony Cockram. Multiple health concerns.

Randy Gauldin. Recent surgery.

Gary Hollandsworth. Recovering from surgery.

Jan Hollandsworth. Recent surgery.

Matthew Hollandsworth. Health concerns.

Clayton Hylton. Prostate Cancer.

Axel Keller. Dixie's grandson. Health concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Recent surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Terry Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Treatment for colon cancer.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Kitty Shumate. Health concerns..

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Charlotte Wyatt. Undergoing PT.

Kevin Wyatt. Health concerns.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

To have someone added to the prayer list or to have information updated, please contact Matthew or Jonathan. Names will be removed after four weeks if no updates are received. You may also submit names for our prayer list in Lightpost.



July Birthdays!

1ST	JAY MARTIN
2ND	KITTY SHUMATE
20TH	VELVET WYATT
21ST	DAVE ROBERTSON
25TH	SAMMIE BEAVERS



Men's Breakfast!

Men's Breakfast will be on July 25th! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Potluck Lunch!

We will be hosting a Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, July 26th following our Worship Gathering. Everyone please bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share.



Pizza/Movie Night!

Our next Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, August 1st! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.



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