

LORD, CHANGE MY ATTITUDE

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Based on book of same title by James MacDonald

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Recap of Last Week's Lesson

- **What is covetousness?**
 - Covetousness is unrestraint or inordinate desire.
 - Must have at all cost, by any means.
 - Enough is never enough.
- **Why is covetousness a sin?**
 - Covetousness at its root is a rejection of God's sufficiency.
 - Leads to idols worship. See Eph. 5: 1-3
 - Ignores God's warnings. See Matt. 6:19-21
- **What are the four dimensions of covetousness?**
 - Wanting the wrong thing.
 - Wanting the right thing for the wrong reason.
 - Wanting the right thing at the wrong time.
 - Wanting the right thing for the wrong amount.

See Mark 7: 21-22
- **What are the consequences of covetousness?**
 - Wilderness living; desolation, destruction and death

See Joshua 7: 20-22, 2 Kings 5: 20, Acts 5: 1-11 and 1 Tim. 6: 9.

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Another rich and powerful came to a tragic end
Enough is never enough

Kuwait financier accused by US of fraud found dead

The dead Kuwaiti financier, who was accused of fraud, was found dead in his home in Kuwait, according to a report in the newspaper. The report said that the man had been found dead in his home in Kuwait, and that the cause of death was a heart attack. The man was 50 years old and had been in Kuwait for several years. He was a member of the Kuwaiti Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The report also said that the man had been accused of fraud by the US government. The man's name was not mentioned in the report.



"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."
1 Tim 6:9 KJV

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Today's Lesson

Replacing A Covetous Attitude with:

An Attitude of Contentment

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Definition of Contentment

Webster Dictionary:

"Contentment is the quality or state of being satisfied with one's possessions, status or situation."

James MacDonald:

"Satisfaction in God's sufficient provision, to rest in what one has and seek nothing more."

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An Attitude of Contentment

"I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh onto the Father, but by me." John 14: 6 KJV

Biblical Path To Contentment

"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. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people eager for money have wandered from the faith and pierce themselves with many griefs." 1 Tim. 6: 6-10 NIV

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An Attitude of Contentment

A Quick Check

You will know you are discontent when you feel left behind

You know you are content when you are thankful for what you have instead of resentful for what you don't have.

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Biblical Truth

"But Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain." 1 Tim 6: 6

Godliness deals with "Who I am"
 Godliness is Christian walking and living in this world, in his relationship to the Father. -Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Contentment deals with "What I have"
 Being satisfied with what God provides.

Great gain is contentment in every situations
 A life without worries or anxieties over what to eat, what to wear or what will tomorrow be.
 Study Jesus' teaching on wealth in Matt. 6: 19-34

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Wrong Partnerships

- Godliness and Prosperity is Great Gain 
- Godliness and Poverty is Great Gain 
- Godliness and Power and Control is Great Gain 
- Godliness and Family Harmony is Great Gain 
- Godliness and Ministry Success is Great Gain 

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3 Steps To An Attitude of Contentment

Step 1: Look To Eternity
 "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" 1 Tim. 6: 7

Step 2: Let Enough Be Enough
 "But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that." 1 Tim. 6: 8

Step 3: Learn By Example
 "People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." 1 Tim. 6: 9-10

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Two Ugly Pictures

Picture 1.
 "Some people eager for money have wandered from the faith" 1 Tim. 6:10

Picture 2.
 "and pierce themselves with many griefs" 1 Tim.6:10

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Apostle Paul's Attitude

Paul's Secret

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances, I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4: 11-13

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Let's Talk Solution

1. **Seek It**
Seek contentment as a lifestyle, as a choice.
2. **Say It**
Cultivate the habit of saying "I have enough".
3. **Settle It**
Psalm 62:10 says, "though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them."

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Up Close And Personal

1. **Am I a contented person?**
1. **Am I seeing the blessing of contentment in my life?**
1. **Am I choosing contentment over covetousness moment by moment?**

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Thank You
For
Your Attention

Hope This Is Useful To You

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