

# “Stewardship Download”

Growth Groups Fall 2019

## Part 2- “Moving From Coveting To Contentment... Finding Contentment In Managing Your Life Resources Jesus Way

### Finding Contentment In An Instant Gratification World

Week of Sept. 29, 2019

#### 1. Contentment Brings Great Joy- Being Easily Satisfied Is A Great Life Strategy!

1) Read Phil 4:11-13 and discuss the following question:

- a. Paul said in verses 11-12, that he had learned the secret of contentment. What’s the secret to being content with a lot or a little that Paul describes in verse 13?

2). Read Luke 12:15... Then discuss the following questions: Coveting or Greed is the bible’s word for wanting more than we need. And, we can be greedy as rich people or greedy as poor folks as well. Wanting things we can’t afford can lead to overspending and consumer indebtedness:

- a. What are some of the ways indebtedness can challenge contentment in your life?
- b. What are some preventable causes of indebtedness you control? (Hint: looking back at painful or recurring purchases on your credit card bill)

*“Contentment is a posture of the heart that rests peacefully in our present circumstances no matter what they look like. It helps us stay satisfied rather than restless”*

#### 2. When It Comes To Financial Contentment, Margin Makes A Big Difference!

*“Margin is God’s gift to people with regular incomes: a way to plan for the future (savings & investing) and to plan for generosity as well as meeting your monthly needs even when we’re not wealthy.”*

1), Read Leviticus 19:9-10. And discuss the following:

- a. God’s instruction was to save a “margin” of your total crops or earnings to make you able to be a good steward of your work and resources. According to Verse 10, what did the crop “margins” allow the harvester to do or provide?
- b. What would “margin” in your life allow you to do? How would having “margin” in your life affect your contentment? (Hint: Consider your time, talents and money resources & what God would want you to do with them as a good steward.)

#### 3. Being Easily Satisfied- The Idea Of Enough- Must Be Defined For Me & My Family

1). It’s a real temptation to ramp up your lifestyle as the culture sets the pace. New everything is happening all around us. Read Matt. 13:22. Trying to “keep up with the Jones” (the cares of this world) can take you away from being a good steward of your life & resources. How do you draw the line at “enough”-before it saps contentment?