

Pastor's Corner

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“Contentment”

I was reading a devotion the other day that addressed contentment. You know our world promotes dissatisfaction with our lives. We go out and buy a new car, new clothes, a new home, or whatever. It may only be new to us, but before the new smell is gone we lose interest and lose contentment.

We are constantly bombarded with newer and better things to make our lives simpler and easier. If we listen to the world, we will always be dissatisfied. If our contentment comes from material things, possessions, activities, we will never find peace or contentment.

Jesus says, “I give not as the world gives.” Matthew 6: 19 reminds us; “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal...”

Possessions cannot make us happy, or help us to find contentment. Only Christ can grant us peace—his peace that will provide us with contentment. Contentment comes from our relationship with Christ. Paul wrote, “Not that I speak from want for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.”

Contentment frees you to enjoy every good thing God has given you. Contentment demonstrates your belief that God loves you and has your best interest in mind. Jesus says “Asks and it will be given to you.”

There is a story shared about Jesus and a wealthy man. Jesus tells him to go and to sell all that he has and then to give it all away. Refusing to do as Jesus instructed him the Scripture says, “he went away **sad!**” Contentment comes in obeying God and following in his ways.

May you find the contentment that comes from the Creator,

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