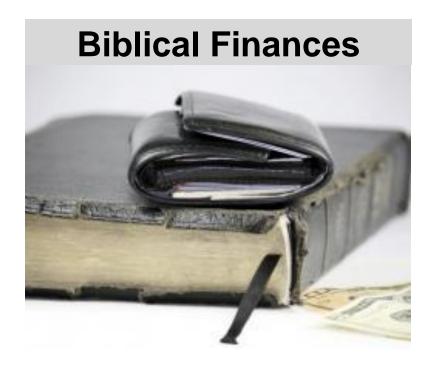
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Study #9 -God's Plan -Contentment

My Struggle Desire! -part 2

Biblical Finances

Sin breaks us in a way that we want more. In our last study we



explored the problem of "desire" or "hedonism" from James 4. Hedonism is a heart condition just as contentment is a heart condition. The heart condition of contentment compared to

covetousness is the topic of this study. God desires us to be content. Covetousness however creates desires, or cravings, that we try to meet outside of our relationship with God.

1. What does the Psalmist ask God to do in -Ps. 119:36,37?

15. How does covetousness motivate us to treat others according to –Jer. 6:13 & James 4:2?

16. How does -Eccl. 5:13 and -Lk. 18:18-23 relate?

17. How is -Heb. 13:5 becoming a reality in my life?

2. What two things are in tension in these verses?

"...and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you..." -2 Ptr. 3:5

- 12. What comes out of our hearts to defile us according to –Mk. 7:21-23?
- 3. The Psalmist doesn't want what in his heart –vs. 36? Why?

- 13. What does Jesus warns us about in –Lk. 12:15? (Yet how do we measure a person's worth in the world?)
- 4. How is the heart fed in –vs. 37? (How does –Mt. 5:28 and James 4:4 relate?)

- 14. How does covetousness destroy my relationship with God according to -Col. 3:1-5?
- 5. What does the word "revive" indicate in -vs. 37?

6. How does -Mt. 6:24 relate to this prayer?

9. How does that relate to -Ps. 119:36,37?

- 7. How do we measure a person's worth or value in the world? How do measure a person's significance? How does that differ in God's kingdom?
- 10. What isn't fitting for believers according to -Eph. 5:3?

- 8. How did the serpent persuade Eve to partake of the fruit? Gen. 3:5? What did she "see" before partaking –Gen. 3:6? What did her heart & eyes lead her to do?
- 11. What shows up on the list of descriptions for depravity in Rom. 1:29,32?