

“Stewardship and Contentment” Philippians 4:10-14
Sermon Notes – January 13, 2013

Introduction:

SIX PRINCIPLES OF FINANCIAL CONTENTMENT

**1. Financial contentment is the ability to be _____
in plenty or in poverty. (vv. 10-12)**

content (*autarkēs*) =

2. Financial contentment is _____. (vv. 11,12)

3. Financial contentment is a secret to be _____.
(vv. 11,12)

Two different words:

v. 11 – learn through _____

v. 12 – learn a _____

Lessons to be learned:

- *Money cannot _____.*

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. - Ecclesiastes 5:10

- *Love of money will produce _____.*

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. - 1 Timothy 6:6-10

- *Money provides a false sense of _____.*

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

- 1 Timothy 6:17

- *God can be _____ to meet all your needs for money.*

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" - Hebrews 13:5

**4. Financial contentment is accompanied by a _____
spirit. (Phil. 4:10, 14)**

5. Financial contentment is _____ by God.
(vv. 11, 12; Hebrews 13:5)

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**6. Financial contentment is achieved by _____
power. (v. 14)**

A Prayer for Financial Contentment

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,

I confess that I have sinned against you by my discontent with the money and possessions you have given to me.

I now surrender to your will for me, whether it means financial plenty or poverty. By faith I ask you to empower me so that I can be satisfied with my financial condition.

In Your name,

Amen