

1) My contentment displays godliness. (v.6)

Discuss this definition of contentment: *“A rest in my soul from a sense of being sufficiently supplied until I get to heaven.”* How often do you experience this kind of contentment?

Discuss this statement: *“Contentment is not so much a destination as much as navigation system to travel through the minefield of the false promises of money, wealth, and stuff.”*

How do you navigate the minefield of advertisement design to fuel your discontentment?

How do you say “enough” in a world that spends billions to convince you that you don’t have enough until you buy the latest product?

How often do you find yourself buying things in a store you did not go into the store to buy?

2) My gratefulness fuels contentment. (v.7)

Do you possess a God-given, holy discontentment that drives you to God when you have a longing for more than this world can supply? How do you respond when you sense that kind of discontentment?

Have you ever used “contentment” as an excuse for laziness or irresponsibility?

Make a list of things God has supplied for which you are grateful. How do you express gratefulness to God for the things that he has already supplied?

3) My awareness affects gratefulness. (v.8)

Discuss the difference between a need and want. According to v.8 what really passes the test of a need?

Discuss these statements related to awareness...

- Awareness of what I don’t have fuels discontentment with what I have.
- Awareness of what others don’t have fuels contentment with what I have.

4) My appetite clouds awareness. (v.9)

Have you noticed that your appetite for more increases with the more stuff you get?

How does your appetite trick you into believing the next thing you get will satisfy?

5) My generosity starves appetite. (v.10)

Which of the following signs indicate you may have a love of money?

- I am tempted by “get rich quick” schemes.
- I won’t engage those with more or less than me.
- The thought of tithing terrifies me.

Discuss this statement: *“90% with you and God is more than 100% with you on your own.”*

Discuss this statement: *“Everyday I get up and slay the dragon of discontentment with the sword of generosity.”*

Additional Scripture

- Proverbs 10:4
- Proverbs 28:19
- Job 1:21
- Proverbs 30:8-9
- Psalm 62:10
- Ecclesiastes 5:10
- Philippians 4:11-13, 19