



LOŠT 5 :: *FINDING SHELTER* :: ANDY STANLEY

INTRODUCTION

Discontentment is robbing our generation. Daily we are bombarded with messages that cause us to be dissatisfied with our current circumstances. We walk around with the gnawing sense that I need to upgrade everything, and the thing is that more money doesn't quench this hunger; it only causes it to grow. So what are we to do? In this session we will discuss the freeing power of contentment.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you have that you are looking to upgrade (TV, computer, kitchen, etc.)?
2. What is something that you didn't know you needed until you saw it?
3. Is discontentment always bad? Give an example.
4. Have you found that more money only feeds the appetite of discontentment? How have you seen this in your life?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8. Paul drew the line at food and clothes. Where do you need to draw line and be content with what you have?
6. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-11. What is the danger that comes with being rich? How have you seen this in your life and the lives of others?
7. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18. What are the benefits of being rich in good deeds and generous to others?
8. How can you begin to fight discontentment by focusing not on what you have, but on what others need?

THINK ABOUT IT

How do these verses impact your perspective on finances? "...give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God" Proverbs 30:8-9.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

There are many opportunities to focus on the needs of others and thereby fighting discontentment in your life. One of the best ways is to find a regular way to be involved in supplying the needs of someone else. You could do this by supporting a missionary or by adopting a child at compassion.com or by looking for opportunities in your local community. So how will you build in to your life regularly supporting someone else?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6

