

God's Promises about Money (2)

Hebrews 13:5-6

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If I know Jesus is with me, why don't I feel content? (Hebrews 13:5)

When I'm not content, it's because I don't have something I think I need in order to be fully satisfied.

Heb 13:5 says that I can be content with whatever I have, because I also have Jesus who will never leave or forsake me.

So when I'm not content, it's because I'm seeking contentment in something other than Jesus.

Example: Psalm 63:1-2

Isn't there a danger of being so content that I neglect steps Jesus calls me to take?

Yes. Contentment doesn't mean I stop looking for work.

Contentment means I can look for work with a completely content heart.

Here's steps Jesus calls us to take:

Seek contentment in Jesus, not in money or things (Phil 3:8).

Understand that Jesus will provide all I need as I pray and plan and work (Mat 6:11; 2Th 3:10).

Work hard at whatever joy I can get (Col 3:22-25).

Plan your finances (Prov 27:23-24).

Avoid credit card debt (Rom 13:8; Pro 22:7).

Sixth, live simply (Luke 3:11).

Give generously for Jesus' sake (Luke 12:33-34).

What if I know Jesus helps us, but I'm still fearful about the future? (Hebrews 13:6)

Maybe there's something I want that I fear Jesus won't give. In this case, I need to understand that all I need is Jesus, and that He will orchestrate everything to bring me more of Him.

Maybe I'm not really trusting Jesus to help me. In this case, I need to open the Bible, confess my unbelief, ask Jesus to give me more faith, and pray over the promises until I am trusting that Jesus will help me.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

Read Hebrews 13:5-6.

What are things you think you need in order to be satisfied? Be really honest. What's wrong with seeking satisfaction in these things?

Share about times when Jesus enabled you to be content with what you had.

Is there a difference between just being content, on the one hand, and actually being content in Jesus, on the other?

Which of the seven biblical steps for finances is easiest for you? Which is hardest? How can you work on that one?

Is there something you want that you fear Jesus won't give? How does Jesus want us to deal with that?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

