The Letter To The Hebrews How To Conquer Love Of Money Hebrews 13:5-6

What does it mean to love money?

It means not being content with what you have (v.5).

It also means fearing that we won't have enough (v.6).

What does it mean to be content with what we have now?

It's not wrong to desire possessions if we think we need them to fulfill God's call on our lives.

But it is wrong to desire possessions if we think we need them to satisfy our hearts.

So what can we do when we think possessions will satisfy our hearts?

How can we be content with what we have?

It's by trusting the promise mentioned in v.5 — from Deuteronomy 31:6.

How does God's being with us enable us to be content? It's illustrated in Hebrews 10:34.

The truth is that, through faith in Christ, God's presence is always with us. And when we seek Him, He will so fill and satisfy us that we want nothing else and are completely content.

How can we overcome the fear that we won't have enough?

We all struggle with fears of running out of money, not being able to pay our bills, and so forth.

And the way we overcome these fears is by trusting the promise mentioned in v.6 — from the Greek version of Psalm 118:6 — *God will help us.*

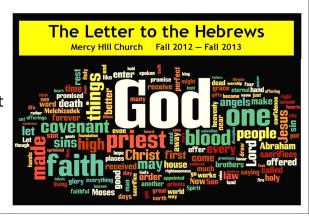
This doesn't mean God will help me without me doing anything.

And it doesn't mean God promises to give me a certain standard of living. See Hebrews 11:37-38.

It means God promises to ordain my finances and standard of living in such a way that I will have the greatest joy in him now and forever.

That might mean living in a house — or in a den — but whichever God chooses it will give me the greatest joy in Him.

Which is why I need not fear.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

Do you struggle more with not being content with what you have, or with being afraid that you won't have enough?

In the past, how have you tried to overcome your lack of contentment? Do you see how the promise of God's presence can change your heart so you feel completely content? Why or why not?

In the past, what did you think it meant that God promised to help us with our finances? Was God helping those in Hebrews 11 who lived in dens and caves? How?

How can you be free from fear, if God's plan might mean you live in a den or a cave?

What is your biggest take-away from this passage?

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

