FOCUS togetherness

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Together in Contentment

Galatians 5:25-26

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[25]If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. [26]Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. —Galatians 5:25-26

What's the Big Deal About Envy?

• Disregards God's _____

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. —Psalm 139:16

Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root—selfishness." —Dr. Alveda King

• Distracts Us From God's _____

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
—Matthew 6:24

• Drives Us From God's _____

[14]But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. [15]This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. [16]For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. [17]But the wisdom from above is first pure. —James 3:14-17a

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.
—Titus 3:3

• Depreciates God's _____

A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot. —Proverbs 14:30

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. —Galatians 5:17

Notes:

KNOW THIS:

Contentment Starts with _____

[5]Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." [6]So we can confidently say, "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"
—Hebrews 13:5-6

[6]But godliness with contentment is great gain, [7]for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. [8]But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. [9]But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. [10]For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. —1 Timothy 6:6-10a

"My brethren, the reason why you do not have contentment in the things of the world is not that you do not have enough of them. The reason is that they are not things proportional to that immortal soul of yours that is capable of God Himself."
—Jeremiah Burroughs

UNDERSTAND THIS:

Contentment Must be _____

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. —Philippians 4:11

Lessons in Contented Living:

1. _____ to _____

[13]But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14]Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15]Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" —Matthew 20:13-15

2. _____ in God's _____

3. _____ to Pursue _____

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. —Ephesians 4:28

4. _____ on Your _____

… [4]to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5]who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. —1 Peter 1:4-5

TAKE THIS:

Contentment Sets You _____

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