

GODLYCONTENTMENT3

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Waiting on God

- Waiting on God is something that has to be taught. If you haven't seen it done before then it's hard to do. *Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*
- If it's not being preached in the church you attend then it's hard to understand. When preachers and pastors don't encourage people to wait on God and make good sound decisions in the process, then the people perish or get weary from discouragement. *Hos. 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*
- If you have not surrounded yourself with people that practice Godly contentment and waiting on the Lord, then you will find it hard to wait. Waiting and being content must be exemplified around you to encourage your own progress.

Getting ahead of Him

- Moving past the plan of God is dangerous because it may put us in positions that make it impossible to be content.
- Getting possessions or positions that come prematurely may force us to compromise and let go of God's plan to hold on to the things we have gotten. We can't hold on to God and get things the wrong way. When we receive these things, we may be happy for a minute but a day of reckoning will come. *Luke 16:11 If, then, you have not been true in your use of the wealth of this life, who will give into your care the true wealth?*
- Many times we hear the truth and want the truth, but can't accept the truth because we got so far ahead of God that we have to beg Him to come and legitimize all that we have done. Our moves and decisions forced us out of his will and into our own. This is a terrible place to be. *Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*



Coveting Others

- Putting the right people around us is very important in being content. When we have an example of Godly Contentment lived out before us, we become smarter and stronger. *1Pet. 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*



- But when we begin to desire what others may have or achieve in the natural, then we are coveting. *Ex. 20:17 Do not covet your neighbor's house. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else your neighbor owns.* The reason why God is so adamant against coveting is because he knows that desiring what your neighbor has keeps your eyes off His plan for you. It becomes witchcraft in your life because you begin to seek God for what is not yours and then you begin to seek ways to get what's not yours.
- This is why our society puts unreal or long shot achievements before us constantly. They know if you keep seeing it, singing about it, and talking about it, you will want it and try to get it. So, they put thoughts in our minds to make us covet and this keeps us from being what God intended. *Gal. 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*
- If we are not operating the way God intended, then we will not receive from him and we live chasing mammon instead of him.

Summary - Godly contentment cannot be achieved if no one around you has it. Godly contentment will not be achieved if you surround yourself with people that you envy or are jealous of either. We must have a healthy balance of friends, family, etc. that will encourage God's plan in our lives and not their own plan for our lives. People that are not satisfied with themselves will try to hinder your satisfaction and contentment. So, we must guard our lives and our children from their poison. We must keep Godly content people around to exhibit contentment and keep the environment around us conducive to the hand of God operating. When we do this, we will have contentment during our waiting periods and be satisfied when things try us. This is the only posture God moves in and we must achieve Godly contentment before he can use us.

Ex. 18:21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place SUCH OVER THEM, TO BE RULERS OF THOUSANDS, AND rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: