

The Principle of Contentment

ICE BREAKER

- Have you ever bought something, believing that if you just had that, you'd be happy and content? How did it work out?

Exodus 20:17

- Coveting- to desire earnestly; a strong desire to have that which belongs to another.
 - **MSG 20:17b; Genesis 3:6; Col. 3:5b**
- Greed- I want more for selfish reasons.
 - **Lk.12:15**
- Materialism- I am defined by what I have.
 - **1 Tim. 6:9-10**

The anecdote to coveting is contentment

- **Philippians 4:11:** I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content
 - Why is it important to understand that contentment is not based on circumstances?

Contentment is inner satisfaction until God provides more.

- **Hebrews 13:5**
 - How would you define contentment? In light of your own experiences, what has been the key to finding contentment?

Discontentment shows up in a lack of gratitude.

- **Phil.4:6; John 6:9- 10**

APPLICATION

- Do I need to surrender my life to Jesus Christ and have my sins forgiven?
- What is one takeaway from today's message (or this series)?