

MORE & MORE

Contentment & Increase

- I. **Being content doesn't mean we don't desire, but it means we don't have to have our desires fulfilled to be at peace-***Hb13:5-Let your conversation be without **covetousness** and be content with such things as you have-1Tm6:8-Having food and raiment let us be therewith content*
- A. Contentment means I have peace in my present state-I need nothing else
1. Content-Satisfied-1. Supply possession/enjoyment/desires to full extent till no more is desired 2. Contentment-Peace of mind in the present condition
 2. Content-In prison, he desires to get out, but has peace-**Ph4:11**-*I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content*
- B. Covetous means I won't have peace until I have it-Desiring it too much
1. Covetous-Avaricious-Excessively desirous of accumulating property inordinately desirous; excessively eager to obtain and possess
 2. Covetous-Has no child, desires a child, has no peace-**1Sm1:17**-*Go in peace (contentment) and the God of Israel grant you thy petition*
- C. Be content is a charge to not seek peace in possessions, not a charge to not desire-**Mk11:24**-*Whatsoever things you desire when you pray believe you receive them and you shall have them; Ps37:4-Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart-Pr10:24-The desire of the righteous shall be granted-Ps145:19-He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him-Pr13:12-Hope deferred makes the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.¹⁹The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul*
- D. Be content isn't a charge to not desire more-**2Sm12:8-AM**-*I also gave you your master's house and put your master's wives into your care and under your protection and I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah and if that had been too little I would have given you much more-Js4:6-He gives more grace-Ps115:14-The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children-Mk4:24-Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given*
- E. It's okay to desire and even desire more-It's not okay to seek peace in a desire being fulfilled
- F. Desiring to increase isn't greed, it's desiring the will of God-**Mt25, 2Pt3:18, Pr4:18, 2Cor3:16, Ps115:14**
- II. **The ditch of contentment makes you passive and it's the enemy of advancement**
- A. One way Satan has gotten us to be passive is by selling us a lie of contentment (be content and don't desire/more)-He wants the church to sit back, be quiet, have no vision, go after nothing and believe they are being holy in doing so
- B. The enemy wants to lull the church into a passive state, because in that state nothing happens-If you don't desire to advance you won't-

Mt7:7-Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you:⁸For every one that asks receives and he that seeks finds and to him that knocks it shall be opened

C. This idea that things will just fall on as The Lord wills and chooses is not true-**Js18:3**-Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?

III. Be thankful for what God has done, require nothing else to be at peace, but desire to come up to the next level that God has for you