

Message Notes

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*Simplify
Simplicity of Stuff (1 Timothy 6:2-19)
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- While simplicity feels like a _____, it is actually great _____. (Mk 8:36)
- Do _____ own our _____ or does our _____ own _____?

Why We Buy

- 1 A _____ for _____ and _____.
- 2 The _____ of not having _____.
- 3 _____ management.
- 4 To _____ in a future "_____."
- 5 Relieving _____.
- 6 The _____ of _____ up a "_____."

Paul's Wisdom

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction 1 Timothy 6:9

- 1 Do not be _____: wealth can lead to _____. (Lk 12:18-20)
- 2 Do not put your _____ in _____: it is _____. (Mt 6:19)
- 3 _____ "stuff" as a _____ from a _____ Father. (Gen 2:15)
- 4 Be _____ with your _____. (Jn 13:12-17; 34-35; 1 Jn 3:23)
- 5 Be _____ with your _____. (Dt 15:10; Mt 6:1-4; Ac 20:35)
- 6 Lay up _____ that will _____ for _____. (Mt 6:20; 1 Cor 3:8)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17

Finding Contentment

- 1 _____ how much you _____ by practicing _____. (Jn 6:12)
- _____ forms _____ & _____.

- 2 _____ the _____ things of _____. (Neh 8:10; Ecc 8:15; Rom 15:24)

Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Ecclesiastes 6:9

- Problems come when we _____ the _____ instead of the _____.
- 3 Continue to _____ in _____. (Ps 112:5; Mal 3:10-12; Mt 10:8; 2 Cor 9:6-8)
- _____ is Jesus' _____ for _____. (Pr 11:25; Heb 13:16; 2 Cor 9:10-15)
- Will I _____ God's _____ when it comes to finding _____?

Steps for Growing in Giving

1. Start small. No guilt, shame, or pressure.
2. Give first.
3. Divert one specific expense to generosity.
4. Give to something you care about, but give special attention to the poor & your local church
5. If you can, tithe.
6. If you already tithe, consider a graduated tithe.
7. Pay attention to what happens in your heart.