



"10 Values That Grow Strong Christians", Series, Part 10
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Learning to Appreciate God's Provision (Exodus 20:17)

Covet – to desire or yearn for something... "stuff" becomes the goal of life

- *We are not to allow what our neighbor has to be the focus...set the standard...set the desires for our own lives.*
- *We are to be pleased with what God is providing for us.*

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF ALWAYS CRAVING MORE?

We Experience...

1. Dissatisfaction – (Eccl. 5:10)
2. More Debt – (Eccl. 5:11)
3. Worry – (Eccl. 5:12)
4. Fatigue – (Eccl. 5:12)
5. Conflict – (James 4:1-2)
6. Spiritual Failure – (1 Tim. 6:6-10)
7. Distraction from What Really Counts – (Luke 12:34)
8. Disqualification from Christian Leadership – (1 Tim. 3:3)
9. God's Wrath – (Col. 3:5-6)
10. Exclusion from Heaven – (Eph. 5:5)

*"...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.
I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have
plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in
any and every situation,...I can do everything through
him (Christ) who gives me strength."*
(Phi. 4:11-13)

HOW DO WE LEARN TO BE CONTENT?

Using Christ's Strength...

1. Find your value and self-worth in Christ and stop comparing yourself to other people.
2. Learn to enjoy things without having to own them.
3. Thank Christ for what he has given you and enjoy his current blessings.
4. Use some of what Christ has given you to help others.
5. Keep your focus on those things which last forever.