

Behold Test 8

Contentment vs. Coveteousness

1. Write from memory the definition of the Fruit of Righteousness - Contentment:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of contentment but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of how you have remained content since you began your study of this Fruit of Righteousness:

a) _____

b) _____

3. Write from memory the definition of the Work of Self-Righteousness - Covetousness:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of being covetous but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of ways in which you have found yourself coveting in your life before you knew it was an alternative to the Fruit of Righteousness - Contentment:

a) _____

b) _____

5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Hebrews 13:5,6:

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” - Hebrews 13:5,6

“Let your (conversation) _____ be without (covetousness) _____; and be (content) _____ with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor (forsake) _____ thee. So that we may (boldly) _____ say, The Lord is my (helper) _____, and I will not (fear) _____ what man shall do unto me.” - Hebrews 13:5,6

6. Information Application: Please re-read Hebrews 13:5,6 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what this verse means to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you to better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in I Timothy 6:6-8:

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”
- I Timothy 6:6-8

“But (godliness) _____ with (contentment) _____ is great (gain) _____. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having (food) _____ and (raiment) _____ let us be (therewith) _____ (content) _____.” - I Timothy 6:6-8

8. Information Application: Please re-read I Timothy 6:6-8 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what this verse means to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you to better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

9. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Luke 12:15:

“And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”
- Luke 12:15

“And he said unto them, Take (heed)_____, and (beware) _____ of (covetousness)_____: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the (things) _____ which he (possesseth)_____.” - Luke 12:15

10. Information Application: Please re-read Luke 12:15 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what this verse means to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you to better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

11. Do you know the essential ingredient of the abundant Christian life? If so, please share in the space below. (Hint: You may wish to review what Galatians 2:20-21 teaches us and take a moment to recall Bro. Curington’s explanation of these verses in his book, *Tall Law: When trying hard to do better isn’t good enough!*)

Student Self-Evaluation

-Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in difficult situations that will give you opportunities to “be content with such things as ye have.” While in these situations you may find yourself submitting to this fruit, or you may allow our wanting to exceed His granting. When we “try hard to do better,” we find ourselves short of contentment and full of resentment! When we learn to yield to God’s power, He will increase our satisfaction with all that He is and all that He gives.

After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

- ☐ - I usually exhibit the Fruit of Righteousness - Contentment
- ☐ - I struggle with yielding to the Work of Self-Righteousness - Covetousness

How do you think you could maintain His satisfaction when your flesh is tempted to be distracted from what God has given you and become dissatisfied? Remember, “trying harder to do better” is not the right answer!

FOR THE DISCIPLER’S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel your student understands the Fruit of Righteousness—Contentment and the devil’s offsetting work of Covetousness?

YesNo

2. Would you feel their grasp on these two alternative actions and reactions are:

StrongStrengtheningAdequateMinimalWeak

3. Do you believe this student responds somewhat consistently with contentment when threatened with tempting circumstances in which his/her character must overcome?

OftenSometimesSeldomNever

4. Do you believe this student is ready to progress to the next fruit test of Serviceability?

YesNo

5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way?

6. If no, what are your reasons?