

you behind, forsake you, leave you in straits, or abandon you.

- 3) God is all we need! **God is enough!** We do not need more money. What we have is sufficient. If we have God, He is enough! Jesus said in (Matthew 6:33) "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things [our daily needs] shall be added unto you.*"

**b. Focus on the help God provides you (v.6).**

- 1) We must learn to say boldly, "*the Lord is my helper.*" This is a quote from Psalm 118:5-6. (**Turn there and look**)
- a) (Psalms 118:5-6) "*I called upon the LORD in distress [tight place]: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?*"
- b) If we are living obediently in the will of God, the Lord is on our side. He is our helper. Think on that. The unlimited God of the universe is our helper. He can do anything. The Apostle Paul recorded in (Romans 8:31) "*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*"
- 2) We must stop worrying about what men may do or say. In the context of our text, we must stop depending on money, be content with what God has given us and reinforce our confidence in the fact that if we have God, God is enough! When we live obediently in God's will, God is always enough! He will meet our needs.

**Conclusion:** These verses challenge us to make **three changes** in our way of life. They challenge us to **renounce covetousness**. They challenge us to **restore contentment**. They challenge us to **renew confidence** in the Lord.

If you have been struggling with a love of money, renounce it as sin. If you have been complain and discontent with your circumstances, ask God to help you restore your contentment. If you have not been living like **God is enough**, then renew your confidence in the Lord this morning.

Be content – God is enough!

**Song:** Count Your Blessings **370**

# God is Enough!

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**Introduction:** **Do you have enough money?** G.K. Chesterton once said, "There are two ways to get enough: One is to accumulate more and more, the other is to desire less." Think about that! (Read it again.)

Read Hebrews 13:5-6. As I examined this text, I found it interesting that God did not use the regular word for covetousness, which means a desire for more. The word He used here refers to a love for money. It is a greed for money or materialism.

In the verses before us today, God wants us to understand that He is all that we need. He will never leave us nor forsake us. God is enough!

**Transition:** Because of God's promise, "*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee*" we ought to **make several changes** in our way of life.

*The first change we ought to make in our way of life is to ...*

## 1. Renounce Covetousness

### a. God cares about your conversation

- 1) The word **conversation** **now** refers to our talk, but in **old English**, it referred to our way of life, character, or behaviour.
- 2) You may ask, "As long as we obey the law and do not hurt anyone, does God care about the how I live?" Yes, He does.
- 3) If you are a Christian, the way you live is a testimony for or against Jesus Christ. Your life is the only "Bible" that many people will ever read. Did the way you lived this past week show others the holiness and love of God?
- 4) Jesus said in (Matthew 5:16) "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" The Apostle Peter wrote, (1 Peter 2:12) "*Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.*"
- 5) Here in Hebrews 13:5-6, God instructs us on a particular aspect of our way of life.

## b. God wants you to live without covetousness

- 1) Remember, this word “*covetousness*” refers specifically to the love of money.
- 2) Note what the Lord said about loving money in (1 Timothy 6:10) “*For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*”
  - a) Loving money is the root of **all** evil because it turns the heart away from God. Once the heart is away from God, other sins will follow.
  - b) Loving money leads to sins like stealing, greed, pride, selfishness, gambling, over work, neglecting family, independence from God, neglect of God’s service, failure to tithe, and ultimately idolatry.
- 3) Money is not evil. We all need money to survive in this world. However, when we get our focus off doing the will of God and place it on earning more money, we have begun to love money. If we make decisions based solely on financial gain and not on the will of God, we have begun to love money. Those who gamble love money.
- 4) When we stand before God at the Judgment Seat of Christ, God will not be rewarding large salaries or financial success. He will be rewarding faithful Christian service.
- 5) Edwin Young captured this thought when he penned the hymn, ***Have I Done My Best for Jesus?*** (GH: 368)

*Renounce Covetousness. The second change we ought to make in our way of life is to ...*

## 2. Restore Contentment

### a. What you have is what God gave you

- 1) We are to be content “*with such things as we have.*”
- 2) We may not have what others have, but **we have what God has given us**. There is nothing wrong with saving money and upgrading something that is inadequate as long as it is God’s will for you. However, the devil wants us to think that a better job, a bigger house, a nicer car, a healthier body, a bigger church, nicer clothes, a tastier menu would satisfy us better. Yet, God wants us to

appreciate what he has given us.

- 3) One of the greatest sins of God’s people during the wilderness wanderings described in the book of Numbers is the sin of discontent. They constantly complained about the things they had including mana, water, direction and leadership, and for that discontent, they suffered greatly.

### b. We must learn to be content with God’s supply

- 1) The word translated “*content*” simply means to be satisfied or to feel you have enough.
- 2) Advertisement fans discontentment. Every ad seeks to make you feel like you are missing out if you do not have their product. Watching or looking at ads will increase discontent in your life. Discontentment drives covetousness
- 3) We each have much more than most people in the world. If you visit a third-world country and see the living conditions of the common people, you will realize just how rich you are.
- 4) Contentment is being satisfied with what God has already graciously provided. It is being able to say, “**I have enough.**” If we are living in God’s will, we are to be content with the health He give us, the income He provides, and the standard of living He enables.
- 5) I must confess, when my Lyme disease causes pain and exhaustion, I struggle to be content with what I have. In your life, it may be another form of discontent, but God wants us to be content with the portion He gives us.

*Renounce Covetousness. Restore Contentment. The third change we ought to make in our way of life is to ...*

## 3. Renew Confidence in God

### a. Focus on the sufficiency of God.

- 1) He promised *never to leave you*. The Greek says He will **never ever** leave you. Literally, God will never ever let you go, loosen you, release you, give up on you, or neglect you.
- 2) He promised *never to forsake you*. God will **never ever** forsake you. Literally, God will never ever leave you, leave