

HOW TO LIVE GRATEFUL LIVES IN A GREEDY WORLD

Series: *Grateful Hearts, Generous Hands*

– I Timothy 6:6-19 –

Our conversion, if genuine, will always be reflected in our values. And that's exactly what Paul is emphasizing in this passage, and he does it in very practical terms. His instructions are given to two groups of people. . .

I. INSTRUCTIONS TO THOSE OF MODEST MEANS

A. What: _____

B. How:

1. Remember that our possessions are _____.

2. Focus with gratitude on _____,

not on what we _____.

3. Beware of the danger of _____.

II. INSTRUCTIONS TO THOSE OF AMPLE MEANS

A. _____ what God has given you.

B. _____ what God has given you.

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. Picture in your mind two Christians, one who has learned to obey the command in Heb. 13:5, and one who has *not* learned how to do it. What practical differences do you see in the way these two persons live?
3. At this point in your life, how *contented* are you, compared to other times in the past? To help you give a valid answer, use a scale of one to ten (one = "far less contented than ever," ten = "much more contented than ever").
4. What is the difference between enjoying money and being a lover of money?
5. What grade would God give you for verse 11? For verses 18-19?
6. Think carefully about the parable in Luke 12:16-21. How would you describe a person today who is "rich toward God?"