

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



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“Contentment” - #2 in the series **The More of Less**

Texts Referenced (NIV): 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 6:24

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde said, “True contentment is not having everything, but is being satisfied with everything you have.”
 - What does being content feel like to you?
 - Why do we become so easily discontented?

3. **Read I Timothy 6: 6-8.**
 - Why is it difficult to differentiate between needs and wants?
 - If you were to design a rubric with criteria to identify your needs and wants, what would the “needs” criteria be? The “wants”?

4. **Read I Timothy 6:9-10.**
 - In addition to contentment issues, how might a love of money manifest in our thoughts and actions?
 - Think about a “theology of money” - *a philosophical inquiry into the nature and role of money in the contemporary world.*
 - How do these verses help you consider your “theology of money”?

5. **Read Hebrews 13:5 and Matthew 6:24.**
 - How does God’s assurance - “I will never leave you” - suggest an element of fear or insecurity in the search for contentment?
 - Why is it impossible to serve two masters, including God and money?

6. How can we pray for you?