



Sermon Notes

Less is More

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Key Scriptures:

1 Timothy 6:3-19

AVERAGE HOME SIZE IN THE UNITED STATES

1950: 983 square feet

1973: 1660 square feet

2015: 2687 square feet

Matthew 6:31-34

31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself...

MAIN IDEA:

Choose **contentment** by committing to **Christ-centered priorities**

1 Timothy 6:3-8

These are the things you are to teach and insist on. **3** If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, **4** they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions **5** and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. **8** But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Proverbs 23:4-5

Do not wear yourself out to get rich;
do not trust your own cleverness.
Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone,
for they will surely sprout wings
and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

Decide **temporal things** can't bring **lasting joy**.

1 Timothy 6:9-12

9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. **12** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the

eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2. Reject the temptation to be motivated by money and material things

No wealth can ever make a bad man at peace with himself. — Plato

HE who is greedy is always in want. — Horace

Luke 12:15

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

3. Putting your resources on mission is part of hoping in God first.

“When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.” CS Lewis