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Hebrews 13:4-5

- 4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
- 5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." NKJV

God Wants

- Commitment
- A Commitment to holiness
 - Sin is seen as being a breaking loose or tearing away from God and as a deviation from that which is well-pleasing to God.
 - Prayer enhances a honorable life

Hebrews 13:8

- Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. NKJV
- Purpose to please God always
- Prayer kept His moral vision sharp and clear.
- Prayer gave Him courage to endure the perfect but painful will of His Father.
- "Prayer is the most ancient, most universal, and more intensive expression of the religious instinct. It includes the simplest speech of infant lips and the sublime entreaties of older age. All reach the Majesty on high. Prayer is indeed the Christian's vital breath and native air."

Purpose to Please God Always

II Corinthians 5:9-10

- 9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
- 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. NKJV

Proverbs 16:7

- When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Hebrews 13:5 (a)

- 5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; NKJV
- Conduct
 - Conversation without covetousness
 - Manner of life
 - Manage of lust and lucre

Psalm 119:33-40

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;
- Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
- 35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.
- 36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.
- 37 Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.
- 38 Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You.
- 39 Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness. NKJV

Contentment

- Contentment
- Contentment with what you have
- Your state
- Your status

Look at the State that God has called you. I Cor. 7:17-24

- 17 But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.
- 18 Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.
- 19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.
- 20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.
- 21 Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be

made free, rather use it.

- 22 For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave.
- 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.
- 24 Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called. NKJV

Look at the Status that You Are In

- God wants His children to avoid living just seeking for monetary greed but rather to be content with what they have (Luke 12:15; Phil. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6-10).
- Luke 12:14-15 - 15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses

Philippians 4:11-13

- 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:
- 12 I know how to be abased and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
- 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. NKJV

I Timothy 6:6-10

- 6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.
- 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
- 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.
- 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.
- 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. NKJV

Please remain seated.