

Contented with Crumbs

Introduction

Prov 20:13 Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with **bread**.

1. **God offers to man so much, much more than we can ever imagine.**
2. **But often times we become satisfied where we are in life, our crumbs.**
 - A. **We may have become too content with our spiritual life.**
 - 1) **CONTENTMENT: “To be free from care because of satisfaction with what is already one’s own.”**
The Hebrew means simply “to be pleased.”
 - a. **Can be good thing:**
1 Timothy 6:6-8
 - b. **Can be a bad thing**
Philippians 2:19-22; 3:12-14

Ways in Which We Become Contented with the Crumbs:

1. **Apathy** **Isaiah 56:10-12**
2. **Laziness** **Prov 10:4-5; 13:4; 22:13; 28:19**
 - A. **Hiding our talent** **Matt 25:24-30**
3. **Selfishness** **Phil 2:3-5, 20-21** (“seek their own”)
4. **As a result, of these things, we will find ourselves drifting away from, instead of toward God.**

The Value of Seeking:

1. **We will be held responsible for our actions (work) in God's Kingdom Matt 25:31-46.**
 - A. **What is the extent of the value that we place on our soul? Other souls?**
2. **Therefore, we should be a "seeking" people.**
Acts 17:26-31
 - A. **Seeking: "a desire, endeavor, a continual effort" not turning away - as other nations did."**
 - 1) **An effort as was displayed with the woman who lost her coin**

Luke 15:8-9 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and **search carefully** until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!'

What Can We Do?

1. **In most cases one becomes contented with the crumbs when they cease to recognize the great gift of God in sending His Son.**
 - A. **To keep this from happening we should keep God squarely focused in our life. We can do that by:**
 - **Being a present church member**
Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
 - **Being a cooperating church member**
Rom 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor **giving preference to one another**
— Sometimes we may do more in civic/social clubs than the local church.

- **Being a sympathetic church member**

Rom 12:15-16 **Rejoice** with those who rejoice, and **weep** with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

- **Being a sincere church member**

Rom 12:11 **not lagging in diligence**, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

- **Being a studying church member**

Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures daily** to find out whether these things were so.

2 Timothy 2:15

- **Being a growing church member**

2 Peter 3:18 but **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ....

- **Being a constant church member**

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be **steadfast, immovable**, always **abounding in the work** of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

When tested, the best of us will show through!

- **Being a sacrificial church member**

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that **you may prove** what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Conclusion:

- 1. **When we become contented with only the crumbs, then we will cease to grow.**
- 2. **We need to be a “hungering” people.**
 - A. **Hunger: “A strong need or desire for food”**

1) Jesus said:

John 6:35 I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst

- 3. **We have a choice: To be contented with the crumbs which can never satisfy, or to hunger for the bread of life so that we may never hunger again.**

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Gal 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Invitation:

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