



RIGHT ON THE MONEY 2

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The Bible is God speaking to all people, at all times, in all places, about all things!

2 Timothy 3:15-17

and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Cornelius Van Til

The Bible is thought of as authoritative on everything of which it speaks. Moreover, it speaks of everything.

Recap: Don't Worry

Matthew 6:25

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

Do not worry because your heavenly Father loves you and will look after you

Luke 12:32

Do not be afraid little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom.

Practical tips: death by a thousand caveats?!

"This is what I'm doing....maybe it will help you?"

Right on the Money 2: Be Content

1. Mustn't Grumble!

Exodus 15:22-17:7

- a. Grumbling is serious because of what it is:
 - o Grumbling means failing the LORD's test
 - o Grumbling means failing to trust the LORD
 - o Grumbling means testing the LORD

b. Grumbling is serious because it leads to the grave

Jesus the true Israel never grumbled

Learn from their bad example

1 Corinthians 10:6-12

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did--and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test the Lord, as some of them did--and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did--and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfilment of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

DISCUSSION 1

- ➔ When did you last grumble?
- ➔ Why do people grumble?
- ➔ Why is grumbling so serious?
- ➔ What's the antidote to grumbling? How does 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 help? How is obeying those command possible?
- ➔ What will you say differently from unbelievers this winter?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Be joyful always;
pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

2. Learn contentment

1 Timothy 6:6-8

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

Philippians 4:10-20

¹⁰ I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

a. Paul's delight at their gift...10

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1 Timothy 4:4-5

For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer

- I have learned to be content
- I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Jim Elliot's last diary entry

Augustine

You made us for yourself and our hearts find no peace until they rest in you.

Nothing less than yourself suffices to give... [us] rest and happiness...whatever riches I have, unless they are my God, they are only poverty.

Charles Spurgeon

If Christ be anything he must be everything.

b. Paul's delight at their gift... 14-16

...because he wanted it for them! 17-20

You can please God!

How?

Q. How do we learn the secret of contentment?

A. By _____

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

DISCUSSION 2

- ➔ Where are we tempted to seek contentment?
- ➔ Where will we find it?
- ➔ How do we learn the secret of contentment?
- ➔ If someone could accurately assess your life and an unbeliever's life, what differences would they see?

In an age in which the whole direction of people's lives is dominated by climbing the career ladder, acquisition of material goods and never being satisfied, for a Christian to be able to honestly say, 'I am fine as I am, I don't need anything' is a tremendous and glorious shock to the non-Christian's system. It is the cutting edge. To be known as an able colleague and yet have no greater ambition than to be content in God, is so astonishing, it makes people sit up.

Philippians 4:19-20,23

My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.