

## Financial Contentment

### When Is Enough, Enough?

#### I. Introduction

- A. Proverbs 30:15 (NLT) *The leech has two suckers that cry out, "More, more!"*
- I. Our attitude about money is a leading indicator of the state of our soul!
- B. The joy that we experience in giving will far exceed the joy we have in accumulating!
- C. Jesus told us that the ultimate issue with money is this: Do I believe that God can be trusted?
- D. "Do I really believe that if I obey God with my money, if I put God first in my finances, if I give God the first part of my money, that I will still have enough?"
- E. Exodus 16:4 (NLT) *"Look, I'm going to rain down food from heaven for you. Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions."*
- F. Leviticus 19:9-10 (NLT) <sup>9</sup>*"When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. <sup>10</sup>It is the same with your grape crop—do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the LORD your God."*
- G. Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (NLT) <sup>7</sup>*"But if there are any poor Israelites in your towns when you arrive in the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tightfisted toward them. <sup>8</sup>Instead, be generous and lend them whatever they need."*
- H. Exodus 36:6-7 (NLT) <sup>6</sup>*So Moses gave the command, and this message was sent throughout the camp: "Men and women, don't prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!" So the people stopped bringing their sacred offerings. <sup>7</sup>Their contributions were more than enough to complete the whole project.*
- I. Luke 21:3-4 (NLT) <sup>3</sup>*"I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. <sup>4</sup>For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."*
- J. I Timothy 6:17 (NAS) *Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.*
- K. I Timothy 6:18-19 (NAS) <sup>18</sup>*Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*
- L. Acts 2:41-45 (NAS) <sup>41</sup>*So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup>They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.*
- M. The early followers of Jesus began to understand that their "enough" and their "more" was for the purpose of helping other people!
- N. "God, is this an area You want me to say 'Enough' about?"
- O. God is enough!

P. Financial Peace University is starting this Monday (September 11) at 7:00 p.m. in our Coffee Bar.

Q. I Chronicles 29:14-18 (NLT) <sup>14</sup>“But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!”<sup>15</sup>We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace.<sup>16</sup>O LORD our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you!<sup>17</sup>I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.<sup>18</sup>O LORD, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make your people always want to obey you. See to it that their love for you never changes.”

## II. Conclusion