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MONEY MATTERS

Stewardship Principles for Christ-Followers

Lesson Four • Proverbs 30:7-9 The Contentment Principle

The Contentment Principle

*Two things I request of You (deprive me not before I die):
Remove falsehood and lies far from me;
Give me neither poverty nor riches—feed me with the food You prescribe to me;
Lest I be full and deny You, and say, 'Who is the Lord?'
Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God.
~The Prayer of Agur, Proverbs 30:7-9*

Who Was Agur?

- He was a WISE TEACHER. Proverbs 30:1
- He was a HUMBLE MAN. Proverbs 30:2-4
- He trusted GOD'S WORD. Proverbs 30:5-6
- He honored GOD'S NAME. Proverbs 30:7-9

Contentment and the Prayer of Agur

1. All Good Things Come from GOD!

Two things I request of You... Proverbs 30:7a

2. Material and Monetary Wealth Is TEMPORARY!

...(deprive me not before I die): Proverbs 30:7b

3. Deception Can Negatively INFLUENCE My Perspective on Wealth!

Remove falsehood and lies far from me... Proverbs 30:8a

4. Financial Extremes Can Create Spiritual DANGERS in My Life!

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Three Requests of Agur

Request #1 "Lord, do not give me POVERTY."

Reason: If I live in poverty I may be tempted to DISHONOR God.

Request #2 "Lord, do not give me RICHES."

Reason: If I live in plenty I may be tempted to DENY God.

Request #3 "Lord, do give me DAILY BREAD."

Reason: If I live in contentment I will learn to DEPEND on God.

COMMUNION

Remembering God's Generosity in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation and identify with Christ in baptism) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!