

The Study

The Wise Way leads to Contentment; that is “being right” – in the right place, doing the right thing, at the right time. Contentment comes when we align, *first* with God’s design for us as a human being and *second* with His plan for us as unique individuals. The Way of Folly is marked by Discontent, voices ever seeking to distract us from finding contentment in God.

Pastor Lance began by reviewing how Satan used *discontent* to snare Eve. It worked with her, so he’s stuck with it ever since. It’s central to the way the fallen world system operates.

The Discussion

Are you *generally* content or discontented in life?

When do you feel most contented?

What *situations* serve to bring contentment?

What stirs up discontent?

What does contentment *feel* like? Describe it.

What does discontent *feel* like?

Read Genesis 3:1-7 carefully. What did Satan appeal to in tempting Eve? Ponder Eve’s thoughts before, during, and after the temptation? What do you think she might have been thinking as she looked at the fruit before eating?

What’s the parallel to us today when we are tempted?

How is the “commercial” realm an *agent-provocateur* of discontent?

Proverbs 16:8

Critical to contentment is what we consider *success*. What is a “Life Well Lived?”

Proverbs 23:4-5

This Proverb is a call to BALANCE. Why is balance an essential part of contentment?

Proverbs 28:22

And “evil-eye” is a Biblical idiom for greed, an insatiable desire for *more*. According to this Proverb, *why* is greed dangerous?

Proverbs 28:25

True prosperity isn’t how much someone has but how content they are with what God has given. This brings us back around to the relationship between *discontent* and *desire*. Read Proverbs 30:8-9 and discuss why this is a wise prayer.

Matthew 6:25-33

What does Jesus center our contentment in; what does He urge us to remember?